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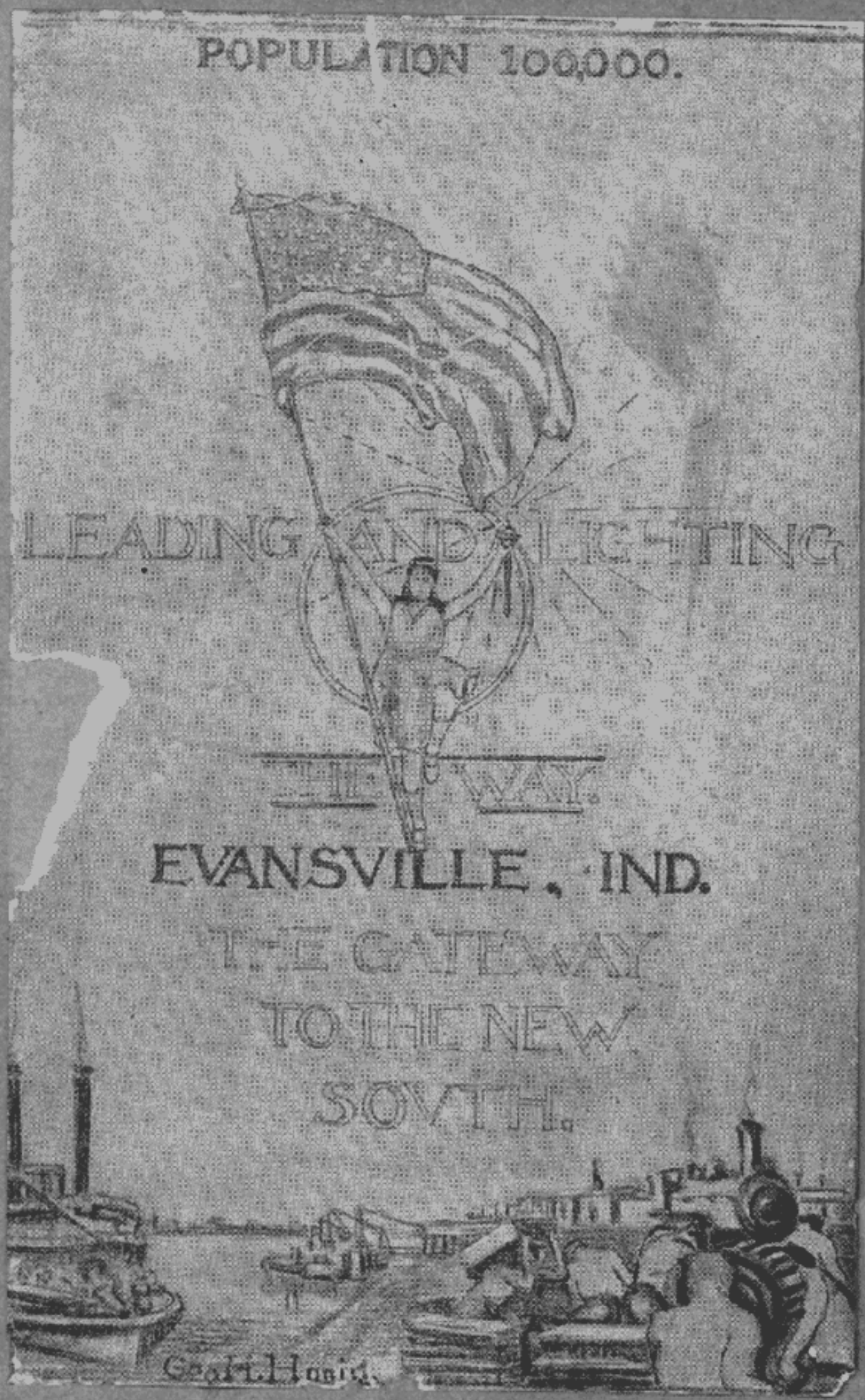

BY·GEORGE·H. HONIG.

DEDICATED TO MY FRIEND,

WHOSE LOYAL AND

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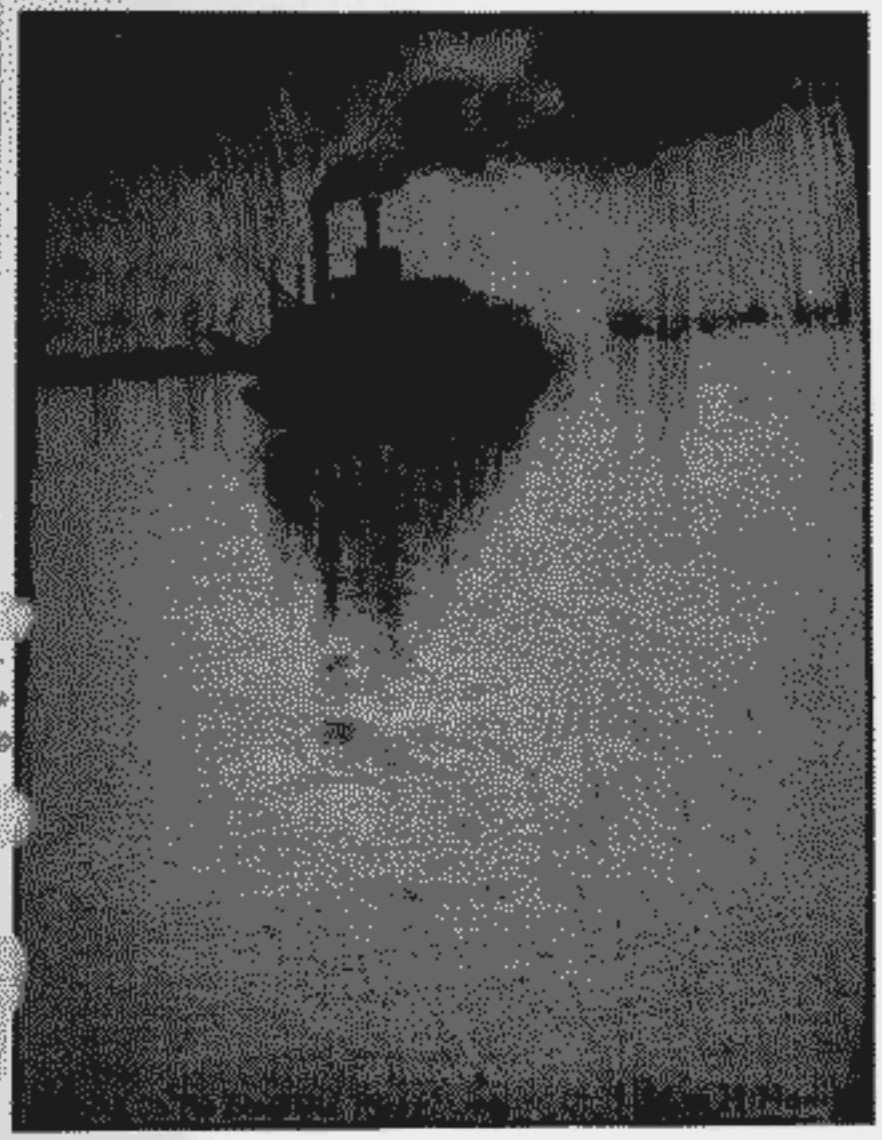

I.

EVENING ON THE OHIO.

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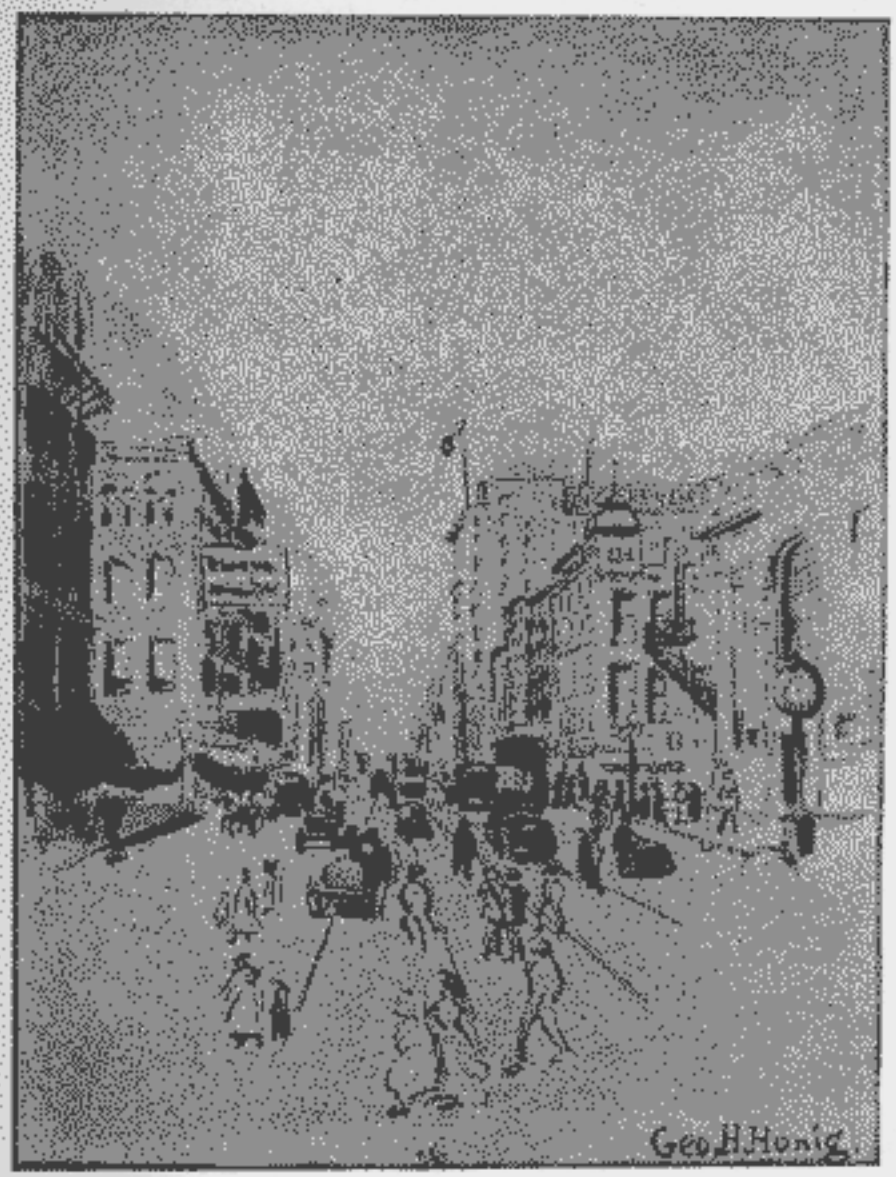
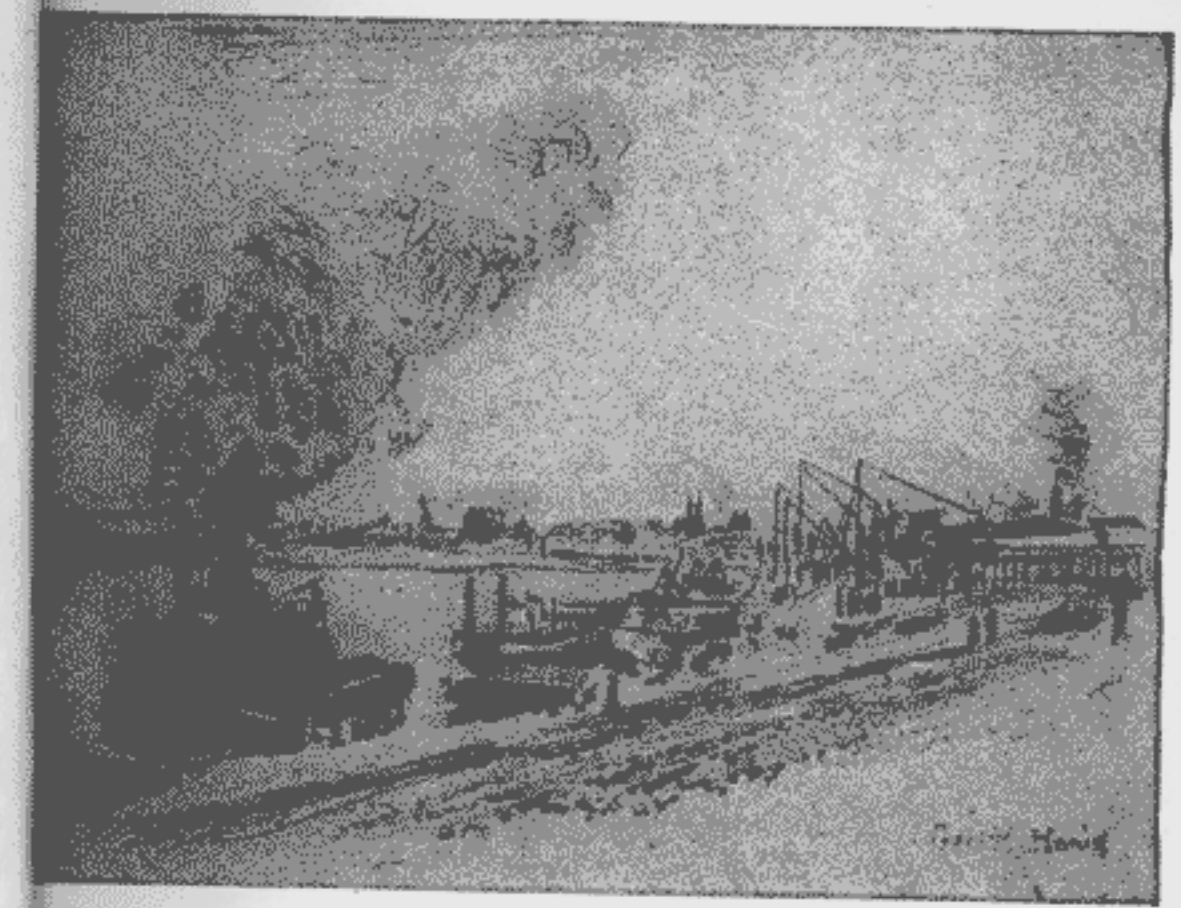


II.

MAIN STREET.

MAIN IS THE PRINCIPAL RETAIL STREET OF THE CITY AND EXTENDS FROM THE OHIO RIVER TO GARVIN PARK. AT THE INTERSECTION OF THIRD IS LOCATED THE INTERMEDIATE LIFE BUILDING AND THE CITY NATIONAL BANK. THE TALL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTANCE ARE THE CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK AND THE OLD STATE NATIONAL BANK. THIRD & MAIN IS EVANSVILLE'S BUSIEST CORNER.



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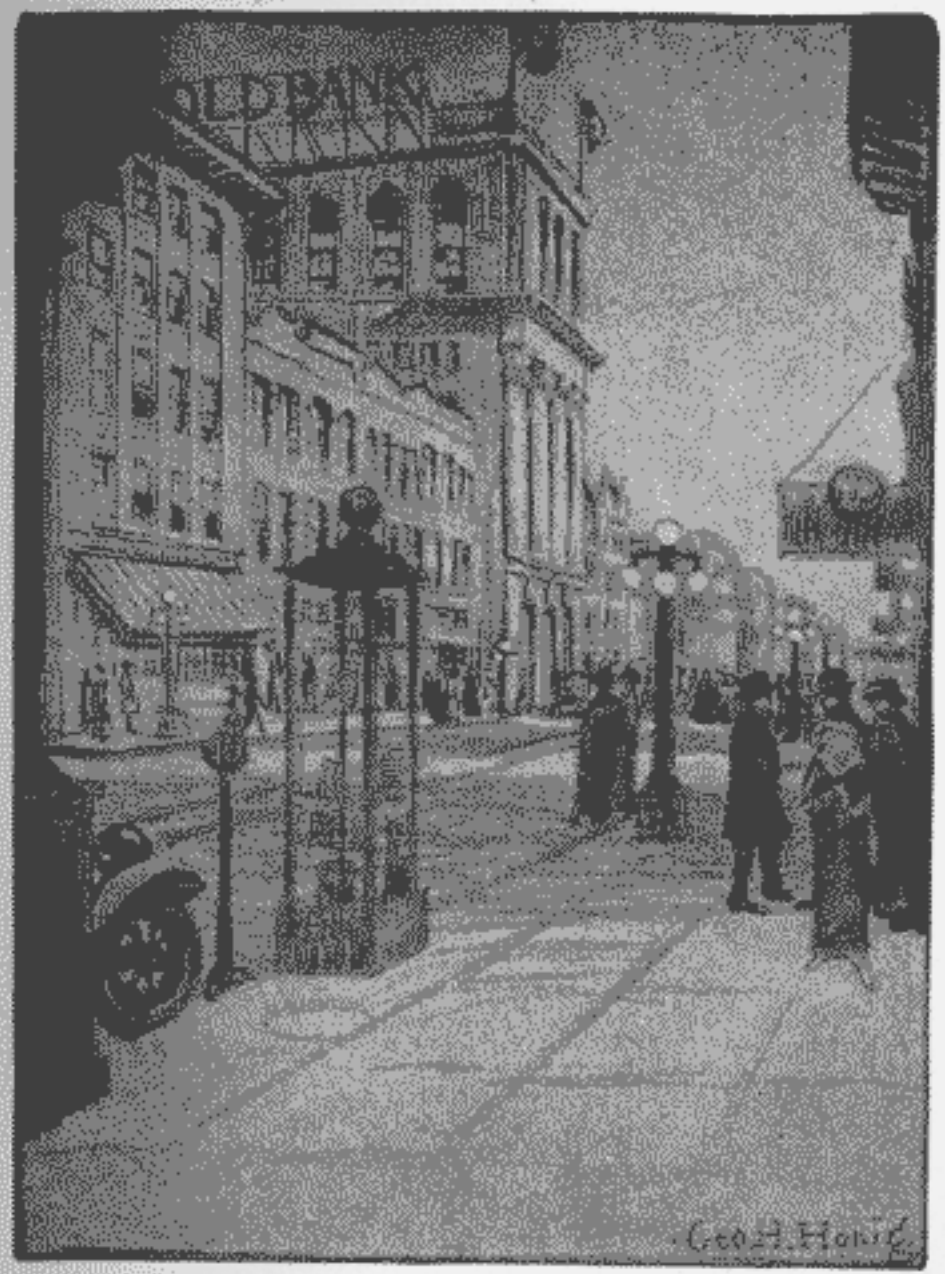
THE RIVER AND ITS BOATS.

TRANSPORTATION BY RIVER IS NOT AS POPULAR AS IT WAS BEFORE THE BUILDING OF THE RAILROADS, BUT IT STILL OCCUPIES A PROMINENT PLACE IN THE COMMERCIAL LIFE OF THE CITY. HEAVY FREIGHT CAN BE HANDLED FOR LONG DISTANCES AT A LOW COST AND DURING CERTAIN SEASONS MANY FLEETS OF COAL BARGES PASS THE CITY EN ROUTE SOUTH. THE GREEN RIVER COUNTRY TO THE SOUTH IS SERVED BY EVANSVILLE'S WHOLESALE MERCHANTS BY RIVER TRANSPORTATION.



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MAIN STREET AT FOURTH.

LOOKING NORTHEAST ON MAIN STREET AT FOURTH. FOURTH STREET IS THE CONNECTING LINK BETWEEN THE SOUTH AND NORTH SIDES OF THE CITY AND IS THE LEADING BUSINESS STREET OTHER THAN MAIN. IT LEADS TO THE NEW MEMORIAL COLISEUM AND TO THE NEW MUNICIPAL MARKET. THE BUILDING SHOWN IN THE LEFT FOREGROUND IS THE WOODS OFFICE BUILDING AND THE HIGH BUILDING IS THE NEW HOME OF THE OLD STATE NATIONAL BANK AND THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

V.

MASONIC TEMPLE

THE MASONIC TEMPLE LOCATED ON
LAFAYETTE STREET AT THIRD IS THE
HOME OF YORK RITE MASONRY IN
BEAUMEVILLE. THE BUILDING WAS
DEDICATED IN 1912 AT A COST OF ONE
HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS AND IS
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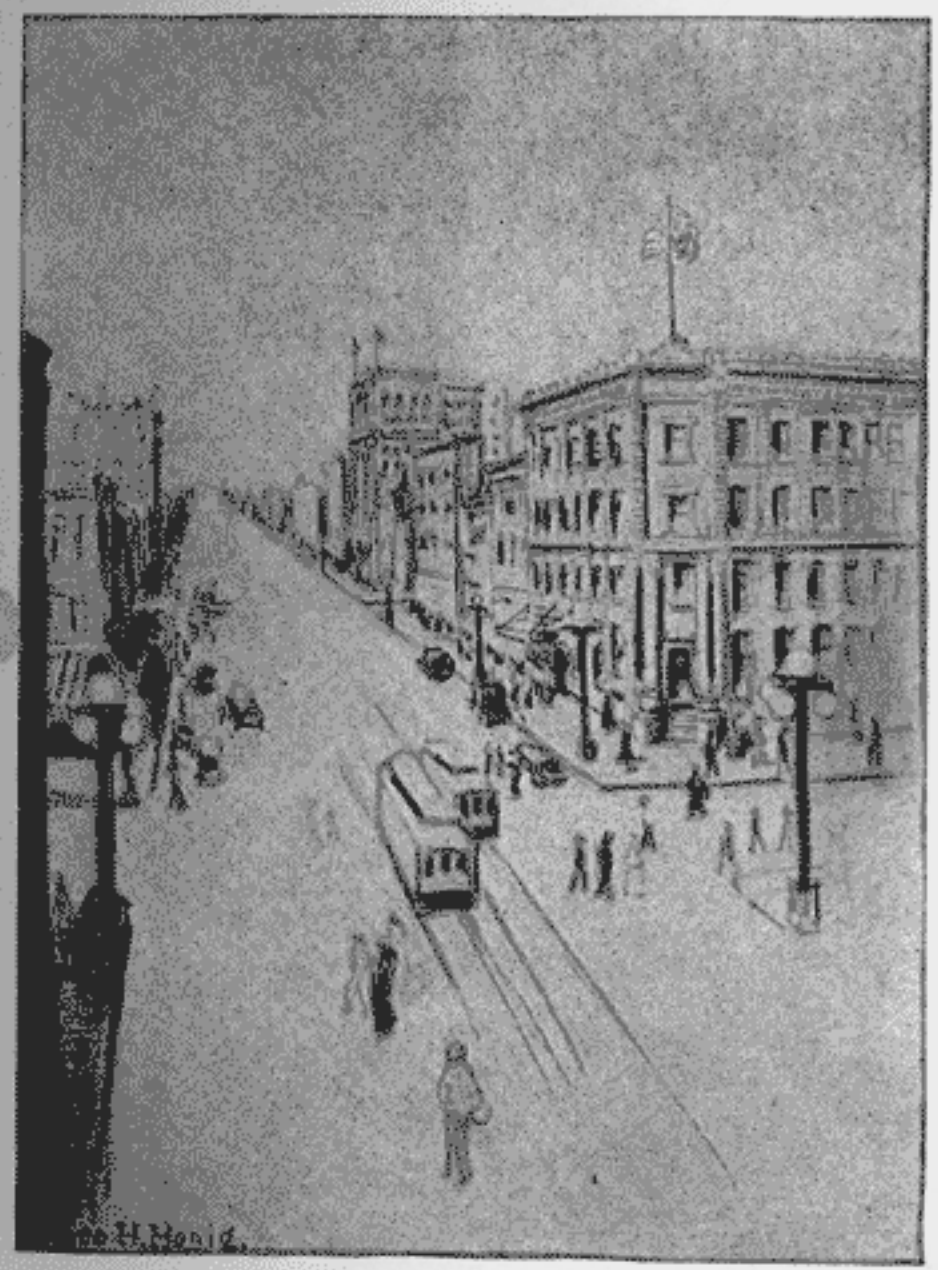

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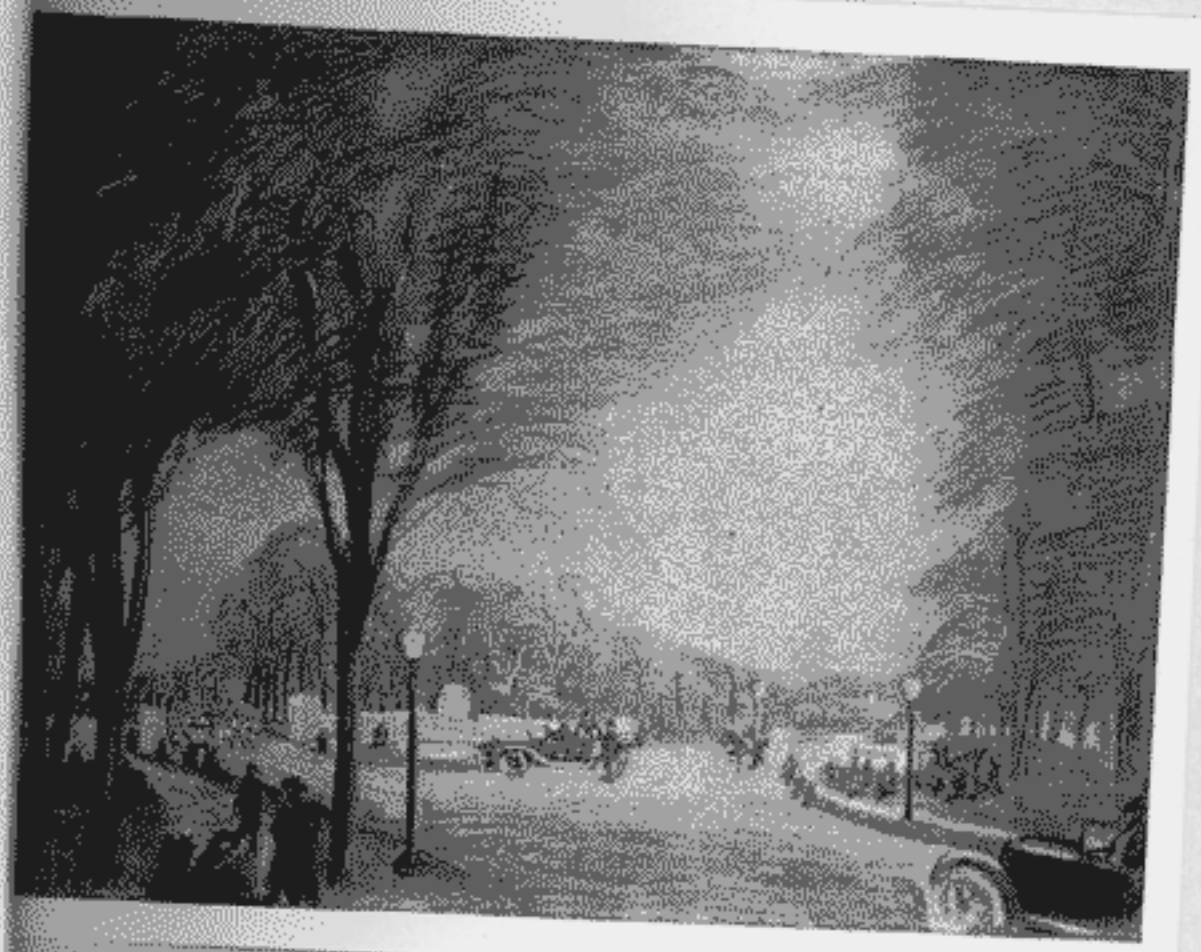
AMERICAN TRUST & SAVINGS BANK

THE AMERICAN TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK IS LOCATED AT SIXTH AND MAIN STREETS AND IS ONE OF EVANSVILLE'S MOST MODERN BUILDINGS. IT IS NOT ONLY THE OLDEST BUT IS ALSO THE LARGEST TRUST COMPANY IN SOUTHERN INDIANA. SIXTH STREET IS ONE OF THE MOST PROMINENT STREETS RUNNING NORTH AND SOUTH THROUGH THE RETAIL DISTRICT.



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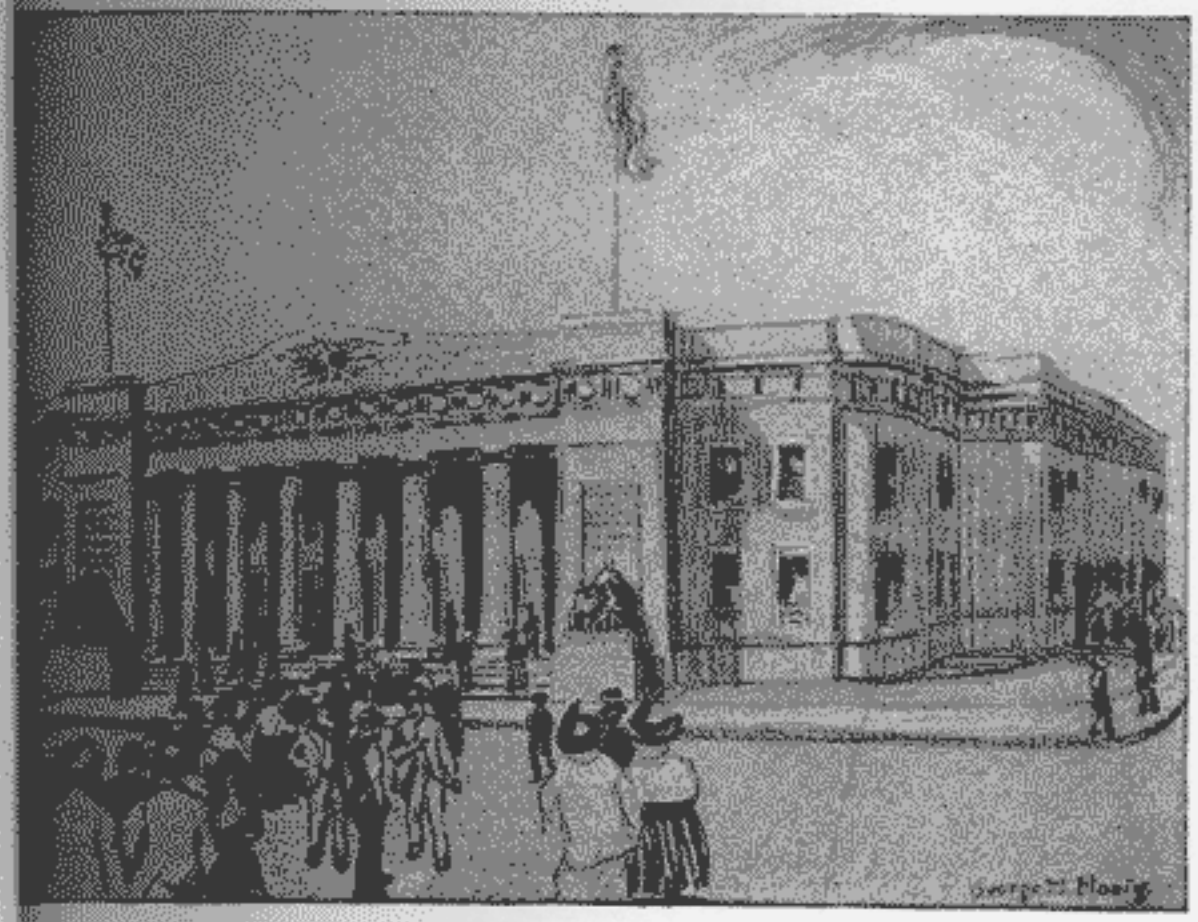
ENTRANCE TO GARVIN PARK

VIEW OF THE ENTRANCE OF GARVIN PARK, THE DRIVES OF WHICH ARE A CONTINUATION OF MAIN STREET. TO THE RIGHT OF THIS IS LOCATED THE AMPHITHEATRE OF BOSSE FIELD. GARVIN PARK, CONTAINING EIGHTY ACRES, IS A NATURAL WOODLAND AND ITS ACQUISITION TO THE PARK SYSTEM OF EVANSVILLE WAS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF MAYOR BENJAMIN BOSSE.

VIII.

THE CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK

LOOKING SOUTH ON FOURTH STREET FROM THE SEVENTH FLOOR OF THE FURNITURE BUILDING. THE BUILDING ON THE RIGHT FOREGROUND IS THE FORMER HOME OF THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION AND THE TALL BUILDING IS THE CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK.



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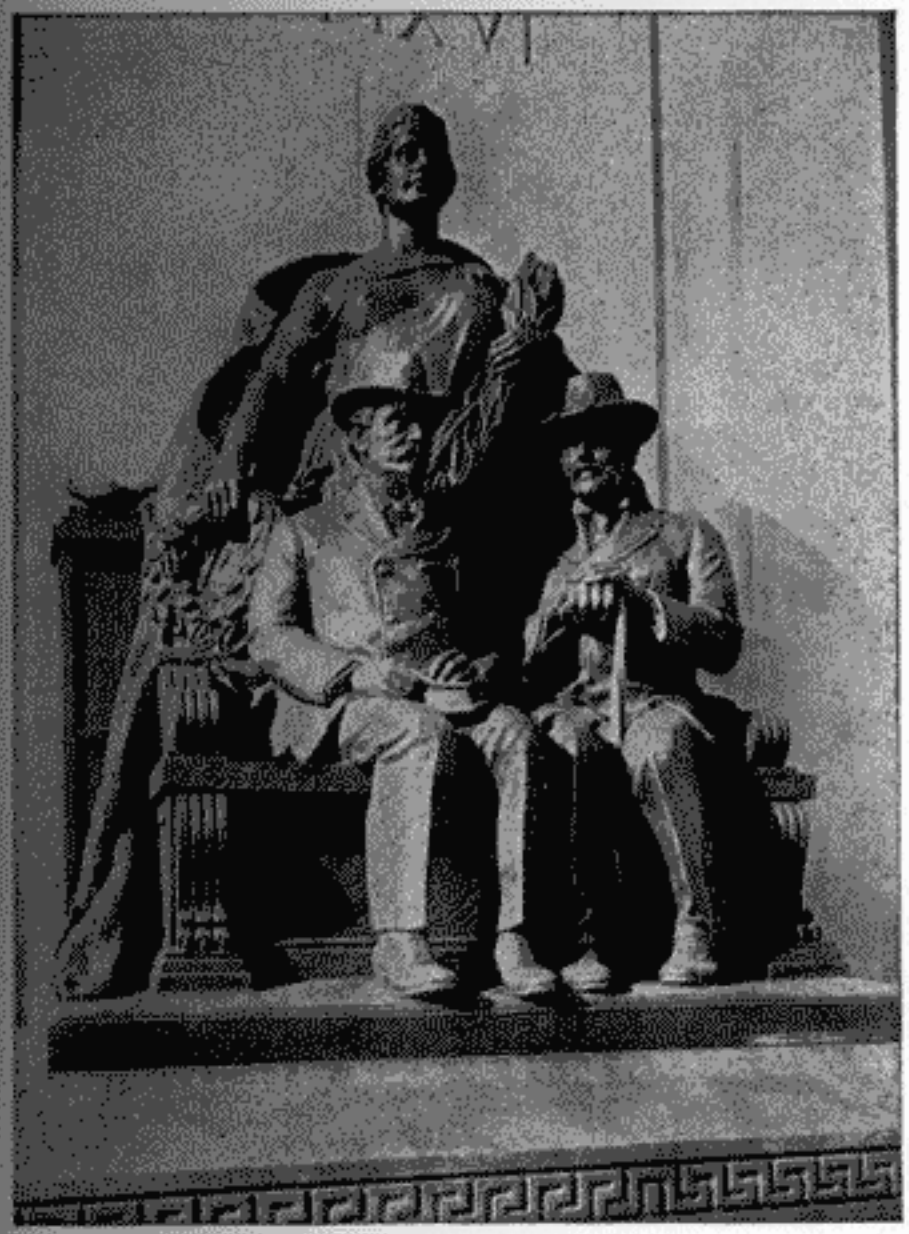
THE MEMORIAL COLISEUM BUILDING

THE SOLDIERS AND SAILORS MEMORIAL COLISEUM, BUILT IN MEMORY OF THE SOLDIERS AND SAILORS OF THE CIVIL WAR. LOCATED AT THE END OF FOURTH STREET AT THE JUNCTION OF DIVISION, FIRST AND SECOND AVENUES. UNLIKE MOST DOWN-TOWN STRUCTURES IT OCCUPIES AN ENTIRE PLOT WITH FRONTAGE ON THREE STREETS. ALL OF THE EXTERIOR WALLS WILL REMAIN UNTOUCHED BY OTHER STRUCTURES. THIS IS THE ONLY PUBLIC BUILDING IN THE CITY OF CLASSIC DESIGN.

X.

THE SPIRIT OF SIXTY-ONE

THE BRONZE GROUP AT THE LEFT OF THE ENTRANCE TO THE SOLDIERS AND SAILORS MEMORIAL COLISEUM IS ENTITLED "THE SPIRIT OF SIXTY-ONE." THE FIGURE OF VALOR IS PORTRAYED WITH THE TWO SOLDIERS OF THE CIVIL WAR DEFENDING THE FLAG. IT IS A COMPANION PIECE TO THE GROUP ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE ENTRANCE "THE SPIRIT OF NINETEEN SIXTEEN." BOTH GROUPS WERE DESIGNED BY GEORGE H. HONIG, THE EVANSVILLE SCULPTOR.



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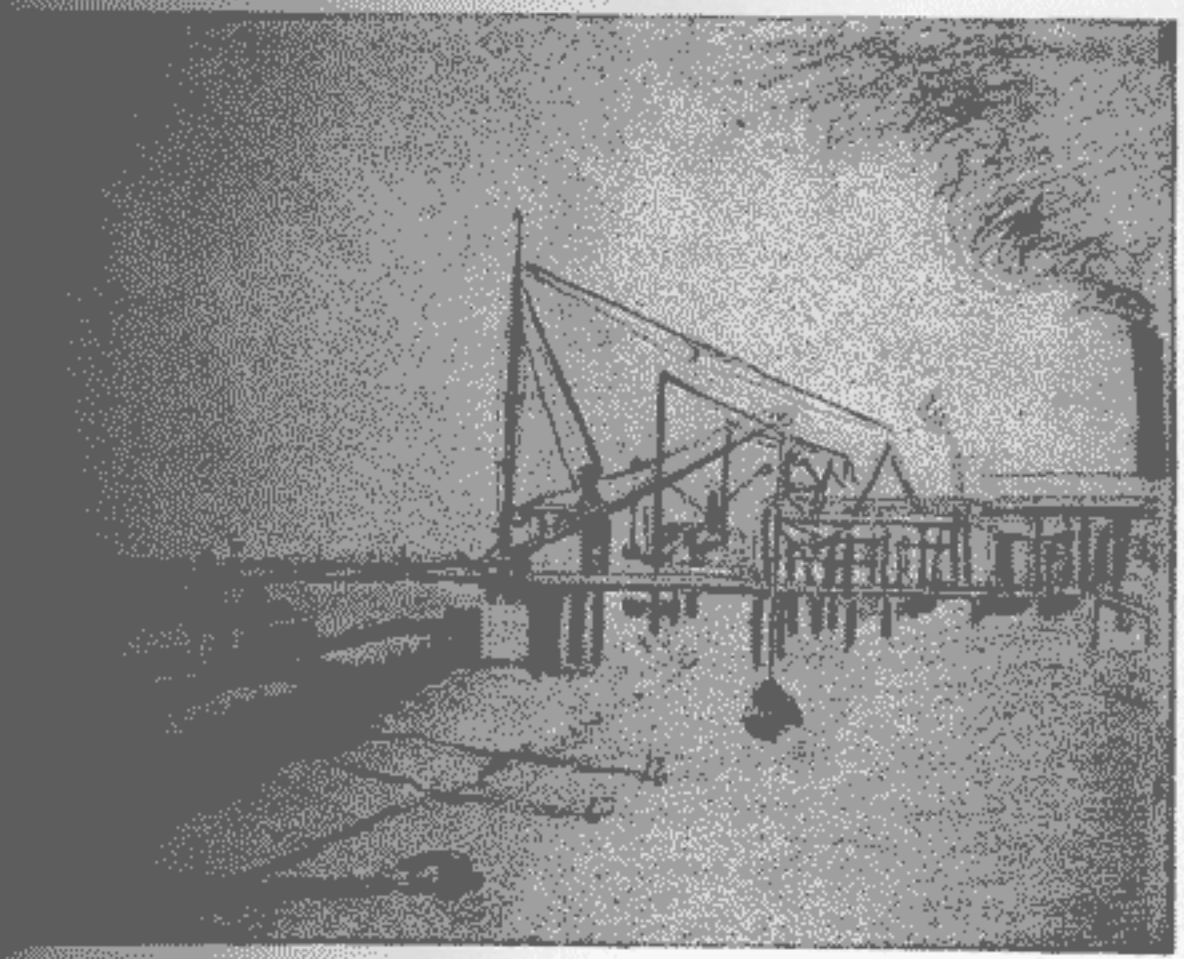

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WHERE HUGH McGARY LANDED IN 1817

THE OHIO RIVER FURNISHES ALL OF THE SAND AND GRAVEL REQUIRED FOR BUILDING AND STREET WORK IN THE EVANSVILLE DISTRICT. THE NUMEROUS BARGES ANCHORED AT ITS WHARF TOGETHER WITH THE CRANES USED IN HOISTING THE MATERIAL TO THE WAGONS AND CARS PRESENT A MOST PICTURESQUE APPEARANCE.

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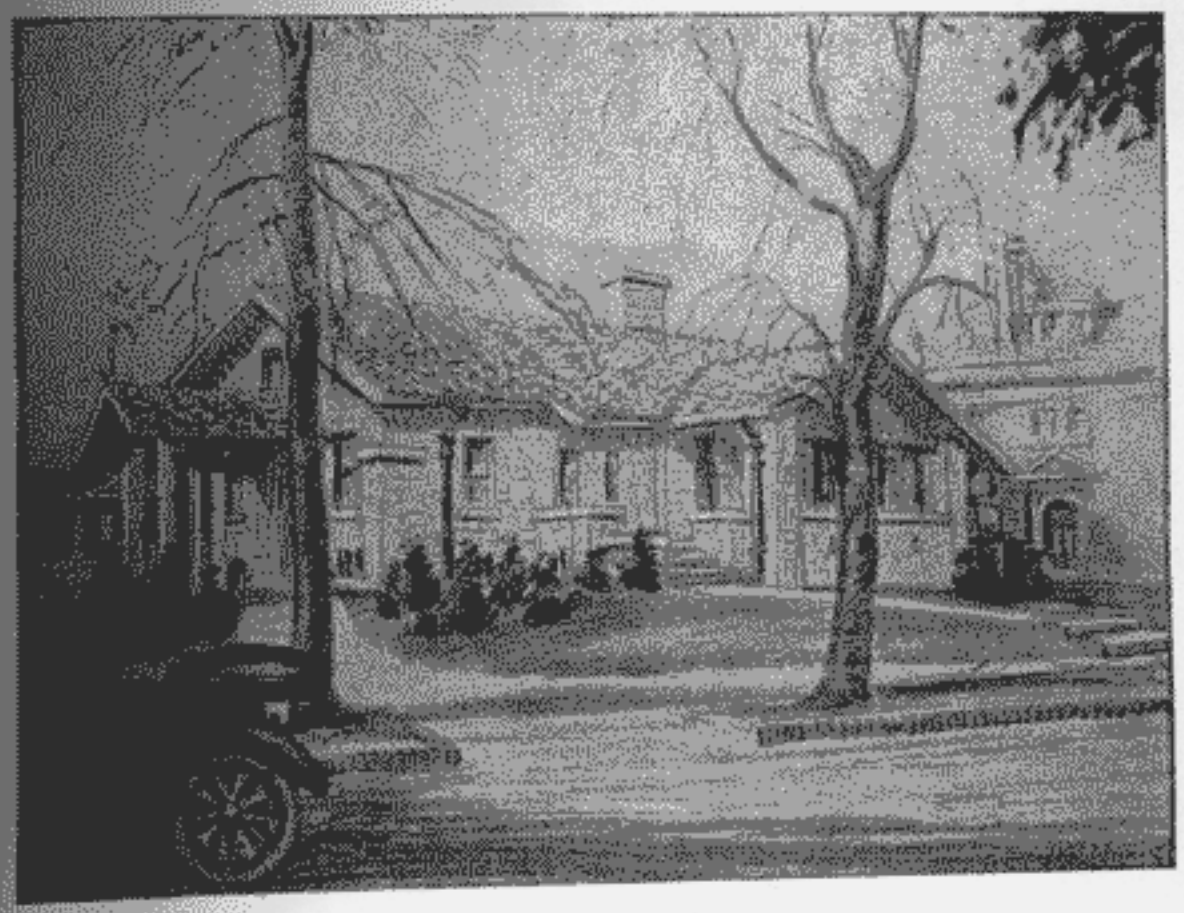
HUGH McGARY, THE FIRST RESIDENT OF EVANSVILLE, LANDED ON THE BANK IN THE FOREGROUND NEAR THESE BARGES.



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RESIDENCE OF MAYOR BOSSE

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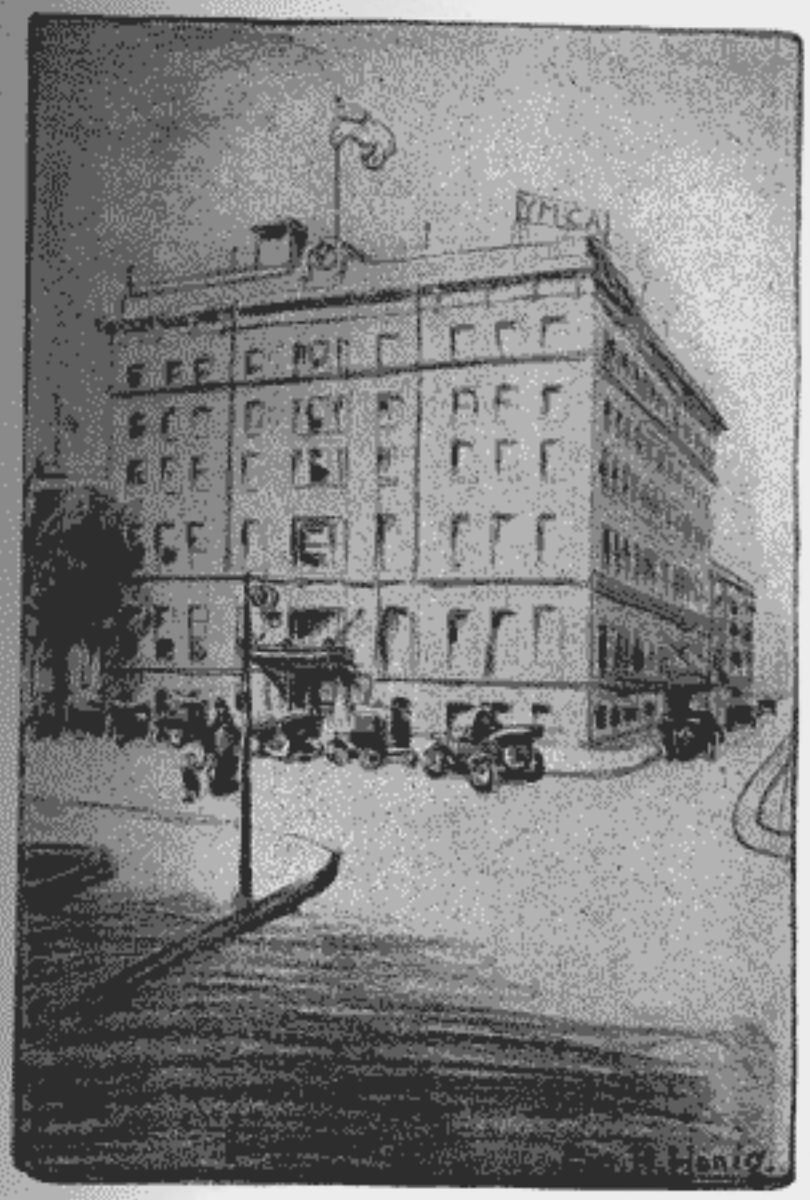

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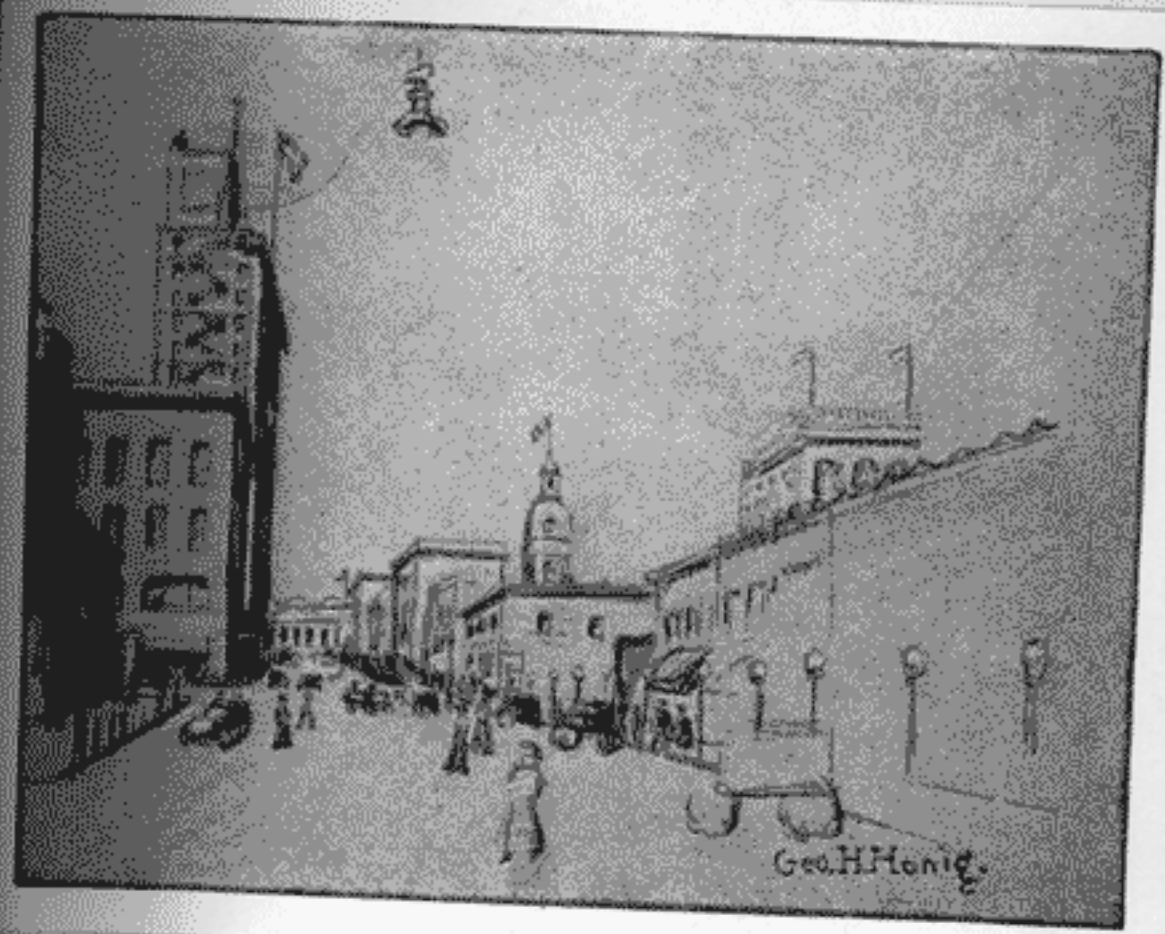
Y. M. C. A.

THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION IS LOCATED AT FIFTH AND VINE STREETS ON THE COURT HOUSE SQUARE. IT WAS ERECTED IN NINETEEN HUNDRED FOURTEEN WITH MONEY RAISED BY SUBSCRIPTION FROM EVANSVILLE CITIZENS. IT IS A MODERN FIREPROOF STRUCTURE AND ONE OF THE LARGEST BUILDINGS OF ITS KIND IN THE STATE OF INDIANA.



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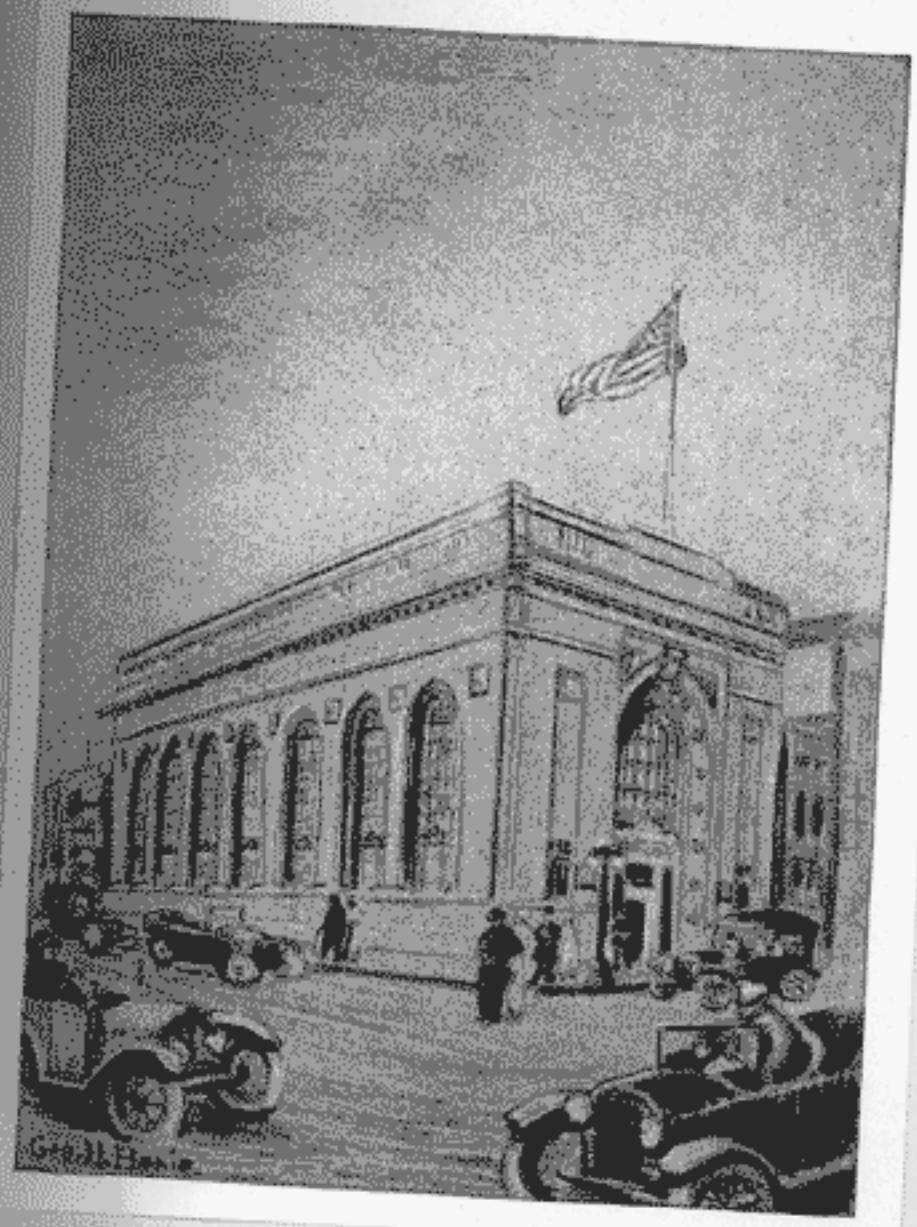
FOURTH STREET LOOKING NORTH

A VIEW OF FOURTH STREET AT THE INTERSECTION OF LOCUST, SHOWING THE STORE OF A. P. LAHR & SON (EVANSVILLE'S NEWEST DEPARTMENT STORE), THE UPPER STORIES OF THE CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK (EVANSVILLE'S FIRST SKYSCRAPER) AND THE MEMORIAL COLISEUM AT THE END OF THE STREET.



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THE CITY NATIONAL BANK

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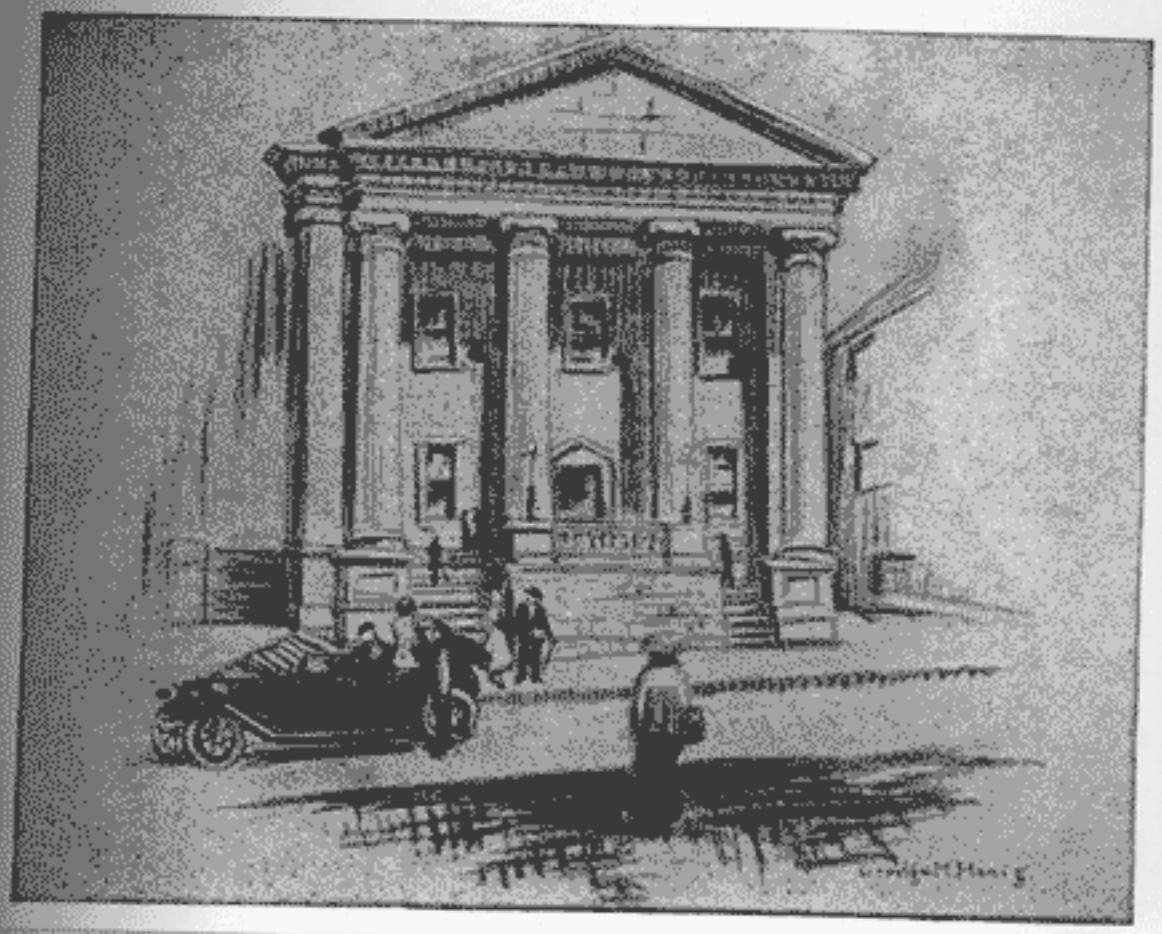
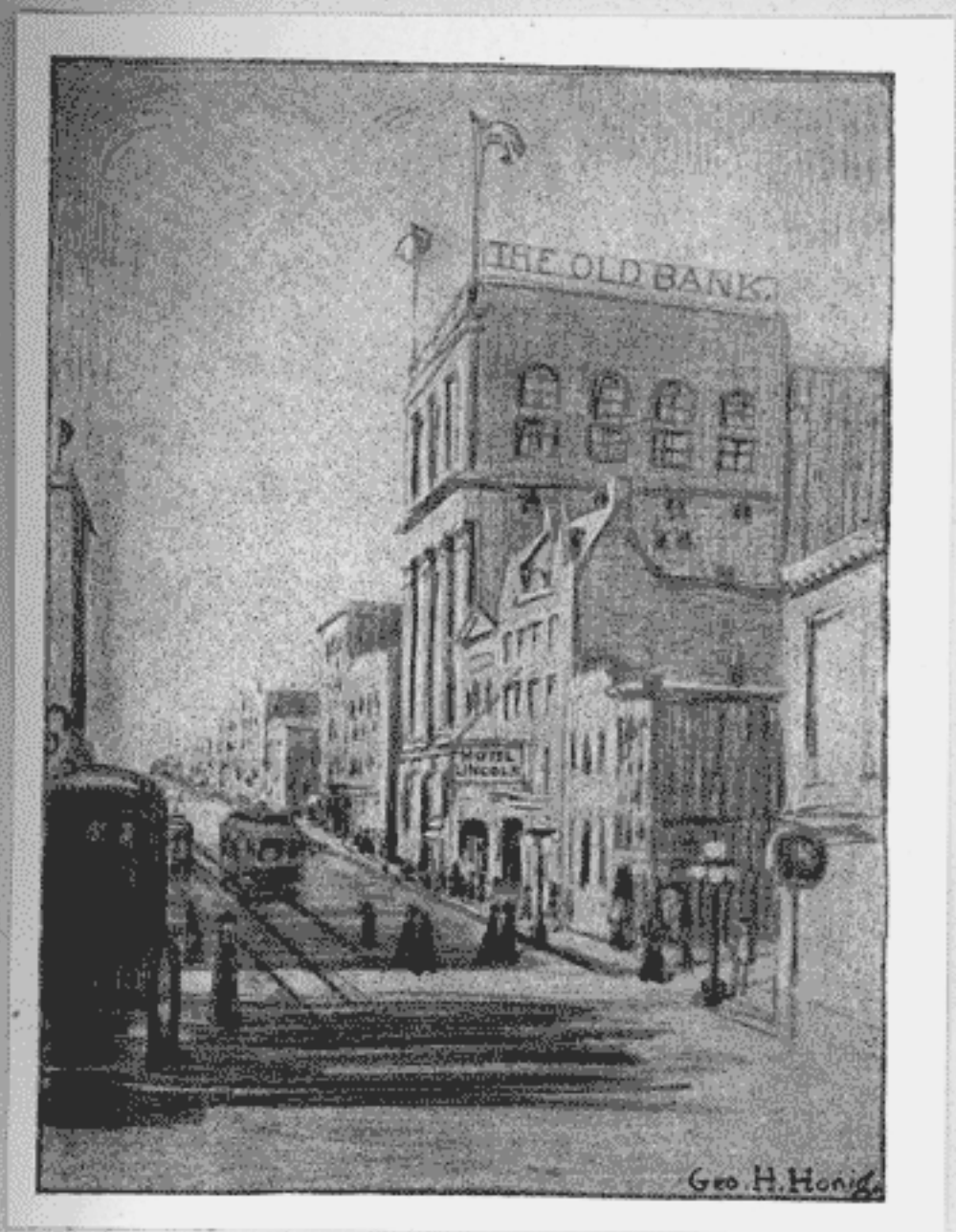


XVII.

AN OLD LANDMARK

AMONG EVANSVILLE'S EARLY BUSINESS STRUCTURES IS THE CLASSIC BUILDING ON MAIN STREET NEAR FIRST, UNTIL RECENTLY OCCUPIED BY THE OLD STATE NATIONAL BANK. THE BUILDING WAS ERECTED IN 1839 AND FROM AN ARCHITECTURAL STANDPOINT IS STILL ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL BUILDINGS IN THE CITY. NOW THE HOME OF THE LOYAL ORDER OF MOOSE.



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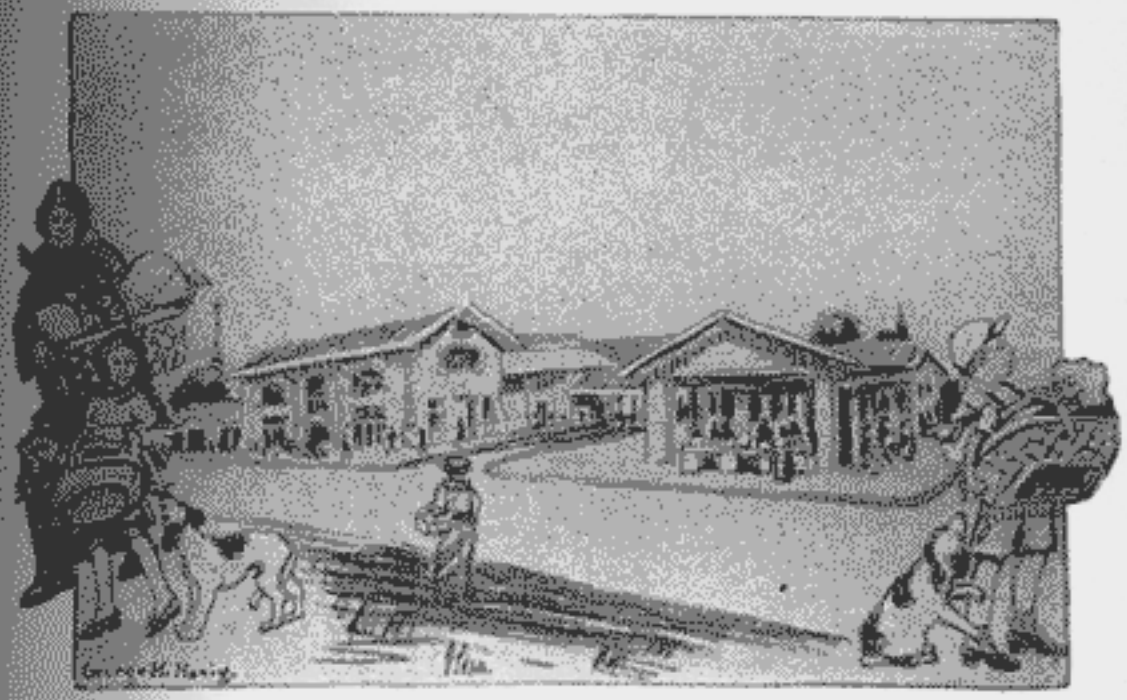
THE OLD STATE NATIONAL BANK.

LOOKING SOUTHWEST ON MAIN STREET AT FIFTH. THE HIGH BUILDING IS THE NEW HOME OF THE OLD STATE NATIONAL BANK AND THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. THE SECOND HIGH BUILDING IS THE HOTEL LINCOLN, A BEAUTIFUL BUILDING IN ENGLISH ARCHITECTURE.



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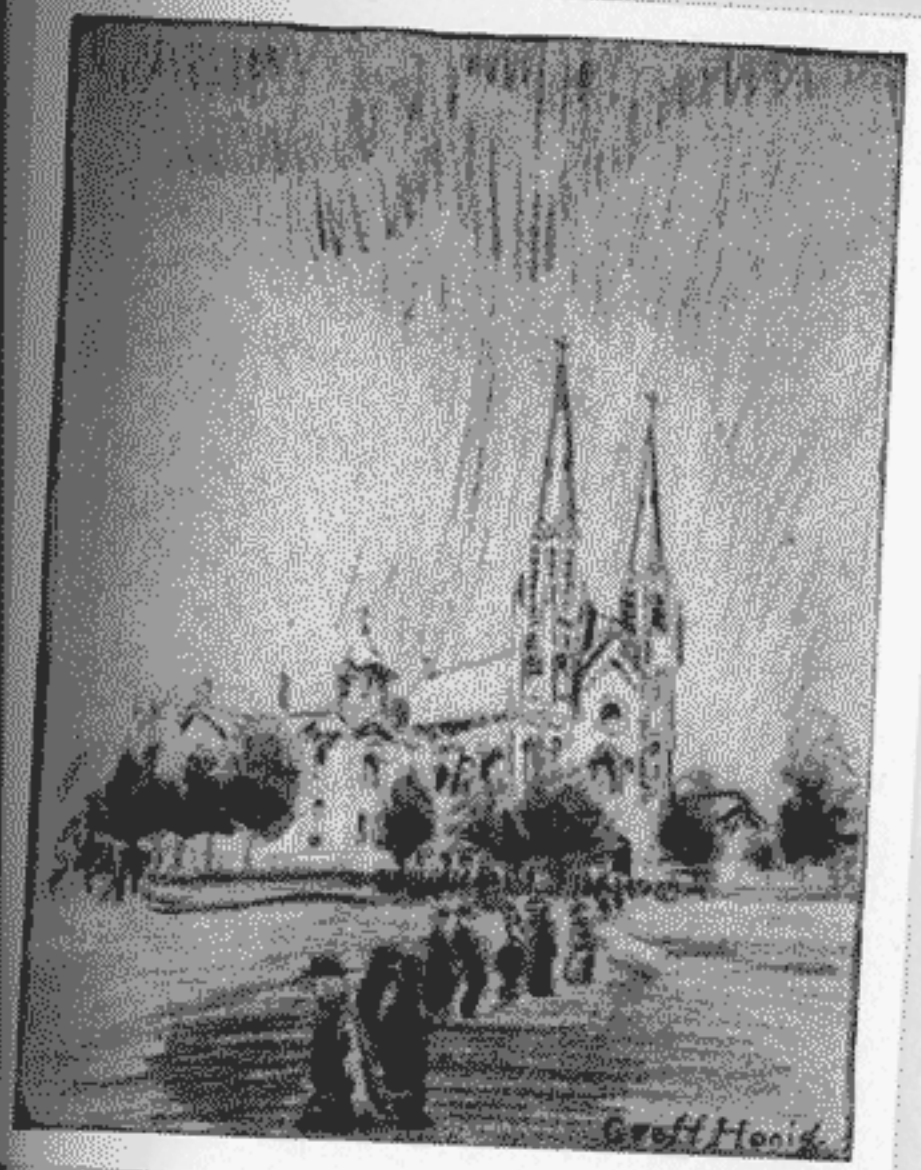
THE MUNICIPAL MARKET

EVANSVILLE'S MUNICIPAL MARKET, LOCATED IN WILLARD LIBRARY SQUARE, WHICH IS THE CENTER OF POPULATION OF THE CITY. HERE THE HOUSEKEEPER CAN OBTAIN THE FRESHEST FOOD SUPPLIES OF EVERY KIND DIRECT FROM THE FARM AT THE LOWEST PRICE. THE BUILDING IS ARRANGED FOR BOTH SUMMER AND WINTER MARKETS, IS THOROUGHLY MODERN AND SANITARY IN ALL ITS APPOINTMENTS.



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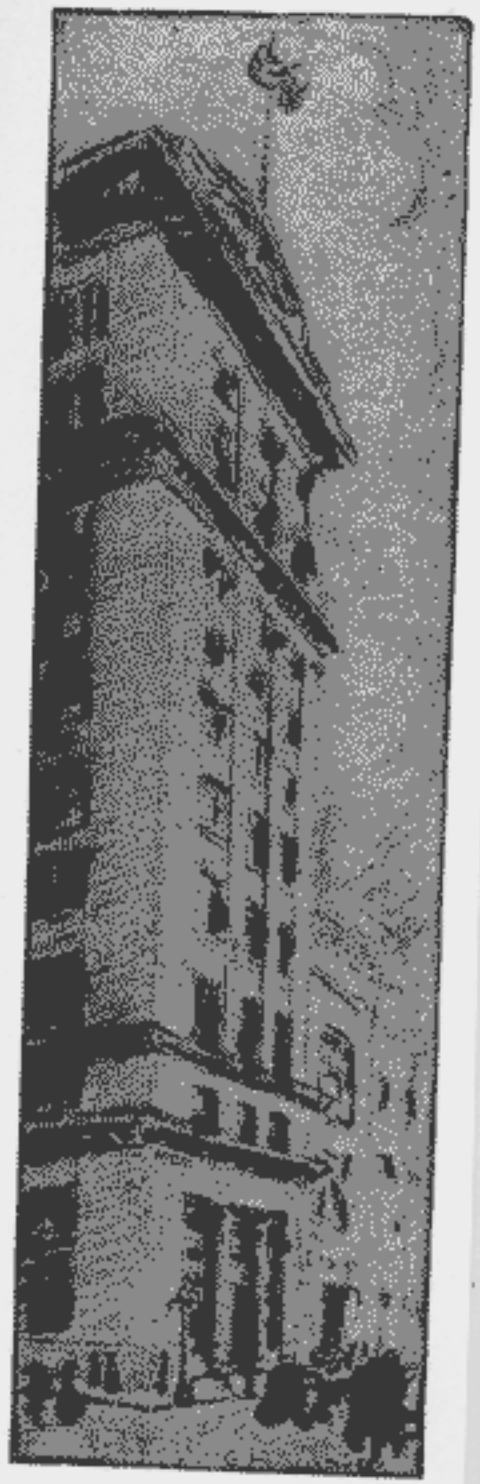
ST. BONIFACE CHURCH.

ST. BONIFACE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IS LOCATED ON WABASH AVENUE IN THE WEST SIDE AND IS THE LARGEST CATHOLIC CHURCH IN EVANSVILLE. WITH ITS AUXILIARY BUILDINGS IT OCCUPIES THE ENTIRE BLOCK OF GROUND BOUNDED BY WABASH AND 10TH AVENUES, MICHIGAN AND VIRGINIA STREETS. THE CHURCH WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE AND REBUILT IN 1901.



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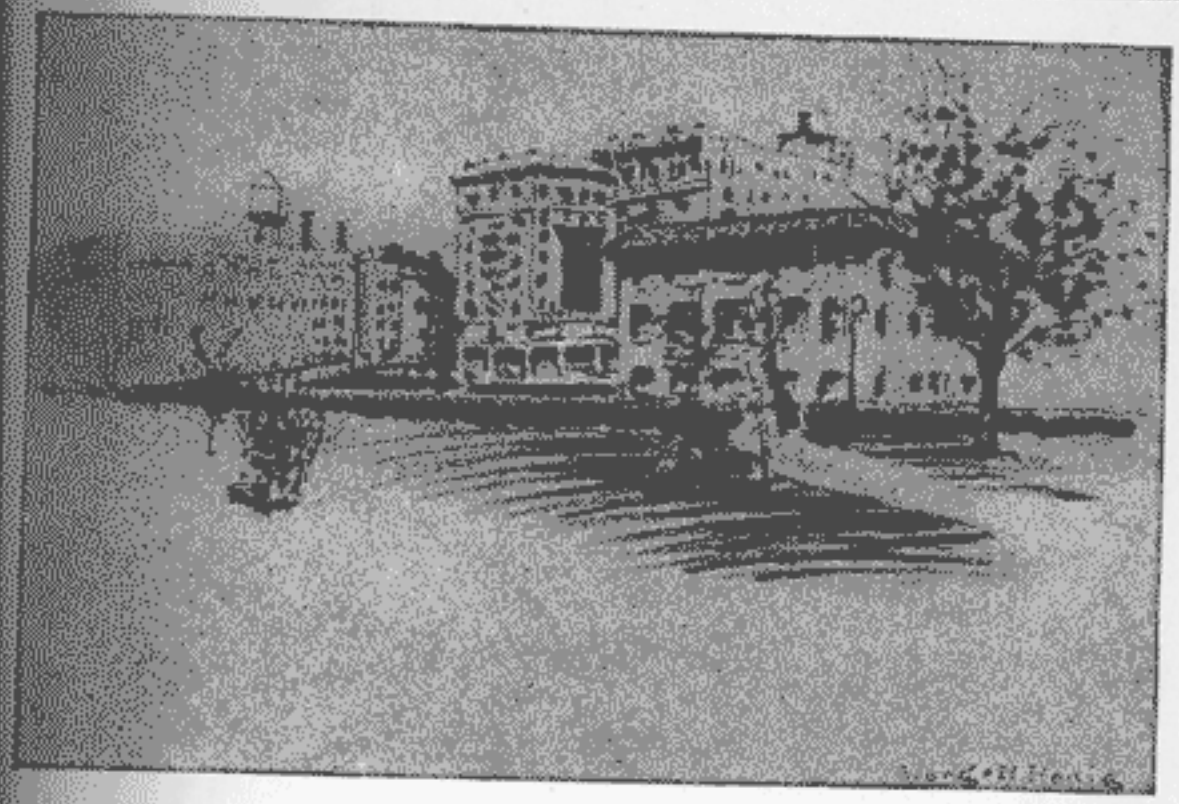
THE SKYSCRAPER

EVANSVILLE'S FIRST "SKYSCRAPER", THE CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK, LOCATED ON MAIN STREET AT FOURTH. A TEN-STORY BANK AND OFFICE BUILDING CONSTRUCTED OF WHITE TERRA COTTA. THE CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK IS ONE OF THE STRONG FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS OF THE CITY WITH DEPOSITS OF OVER SIX MILLION DOLLARS. IT OCCUPIES THE FIRST FLOOR AND BASEMENT OF THE BUILDING.



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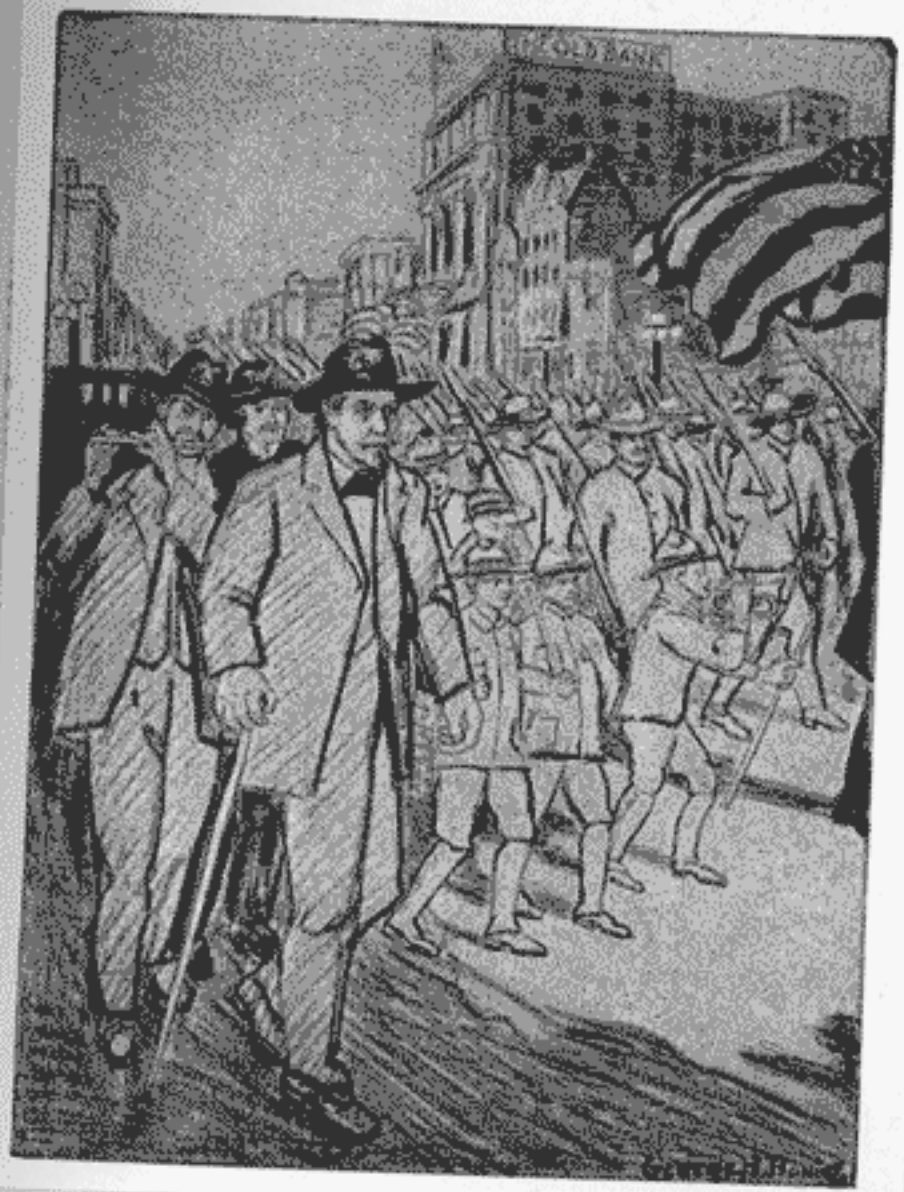
CRESCENT CLUB AND McCURDY HOTEL

LOOKING TOWARDS THE BUSINESS DISTRICT FROM SUNSET PARK, THE BUILDING ON THE LEFT IS THE WHOLESALE GROCERY OF BEMENT & SEITZ CO., ONE OF THE OLDEST ESTABLISHMENTS OF ITS KIND IN EVANSVILLE. IN THE CENTER IS THE NEW McCURDY HOTEL AND IN THE RIGHT FOREGROUND THE CRESCENT CLUB, THE LEADING SOCIAL CLUB OF THE CITY.



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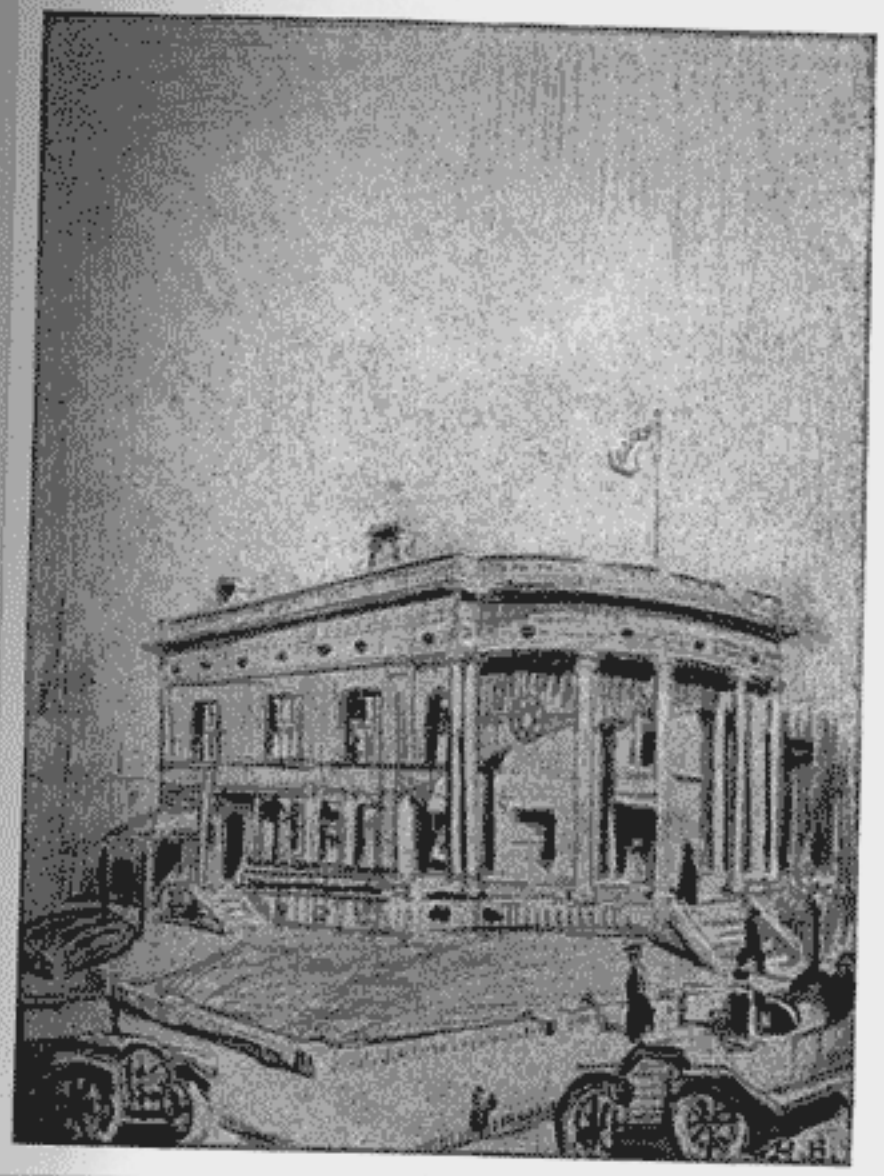

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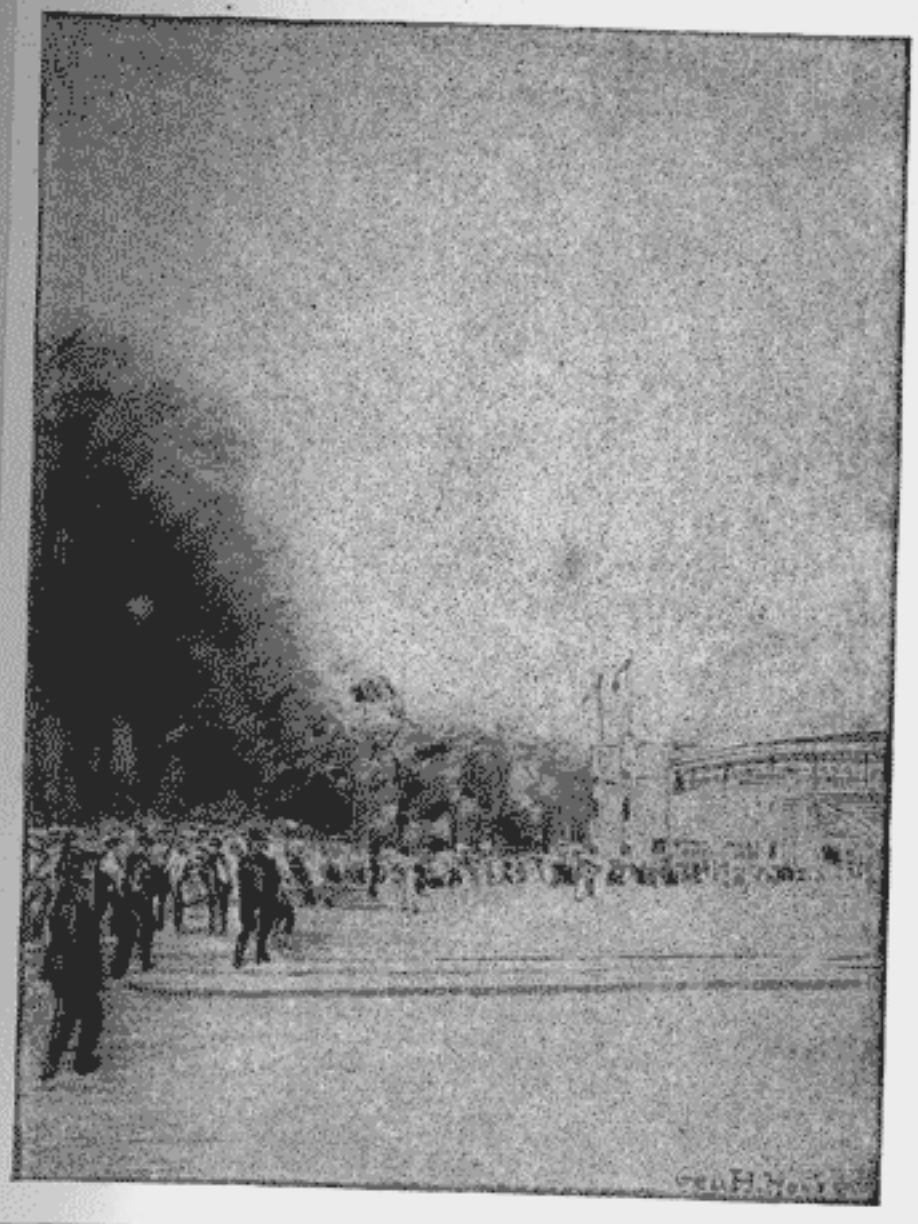
THE ELKS HOME

THE ELKS CLUB AT FIRST AND LOCUST STREETS IS IN THE CENTER OF EVANSVILLE'S CLUB DISTRICT. WITHIN A SHORT DISTANCE ARE LOCATED THE CRESCENT CLUB AND THE PRESS CLUB. THE NEW McCURDY HOTEL OCCUPIES THE OPPOSITE CORNER.



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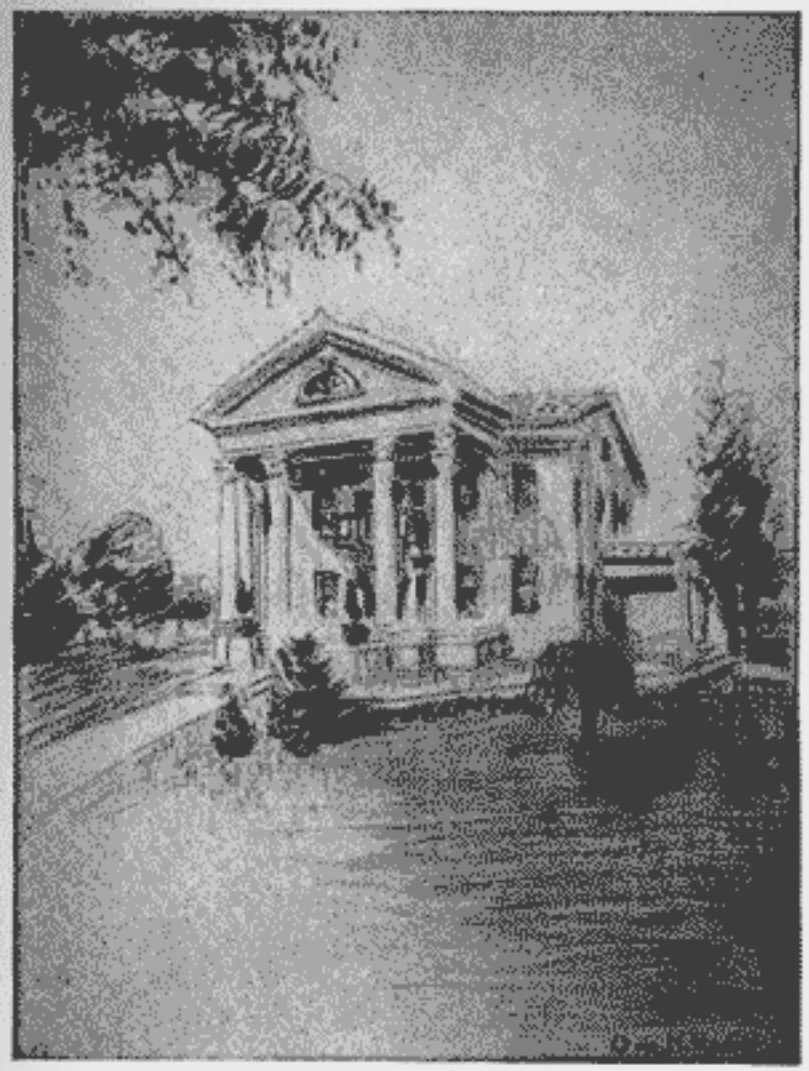
BOSSE FIELD

BOSSE FIELD, ONE OF THE FEW MUNICIPALLY OWNED BASEBALL PARKS IN THE UNITED STATES, IS LOCATED AT THE END OF MAIN STREET AND TO THE RIGHT OF THE ENTRANCE OF GARVIN PARK. IT IS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF EVANSVILLE AND IS USED FOR THE FIELD DAY EXERCISES OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS AS WELL AS FOR THE GAMES OF THE CENTRAL LEAGUE BASEBALL. THE AMPHITHEATRE HAS A SEATING CAPACITY OF 6500.



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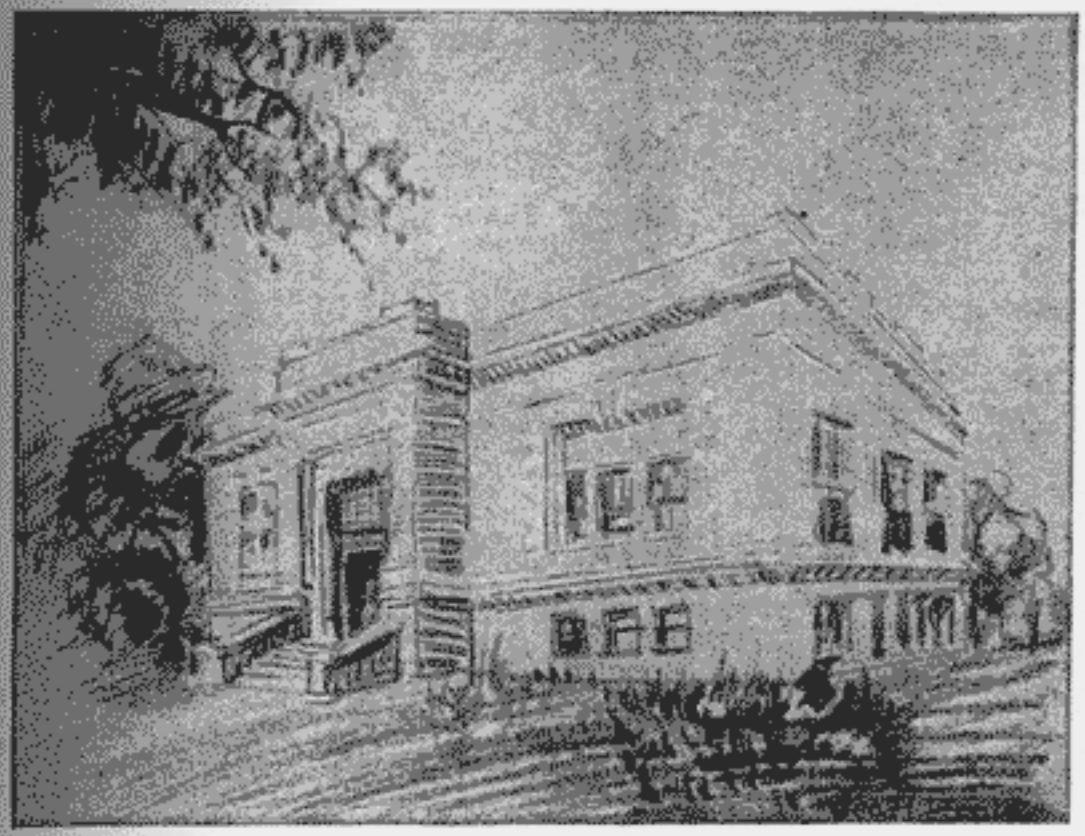
RESIDENCE OF HON. J. W. BOEHNE

THE HOME OF J. W. BOEHNE IS ONE OF THE BEST EXAMPLES OF THE MODERN SCHOOL OF RESIDENCE ARCHITECTURE IN EVANSVILLE. IT IS LOCATED ON LINCOLN AVENUE ON A LARGE PLOT OF GROUND AND ITS ARTISTIC SURROUNDINGS LEND MUCH TO ITS BEAUTIFUL APPEARANCE.



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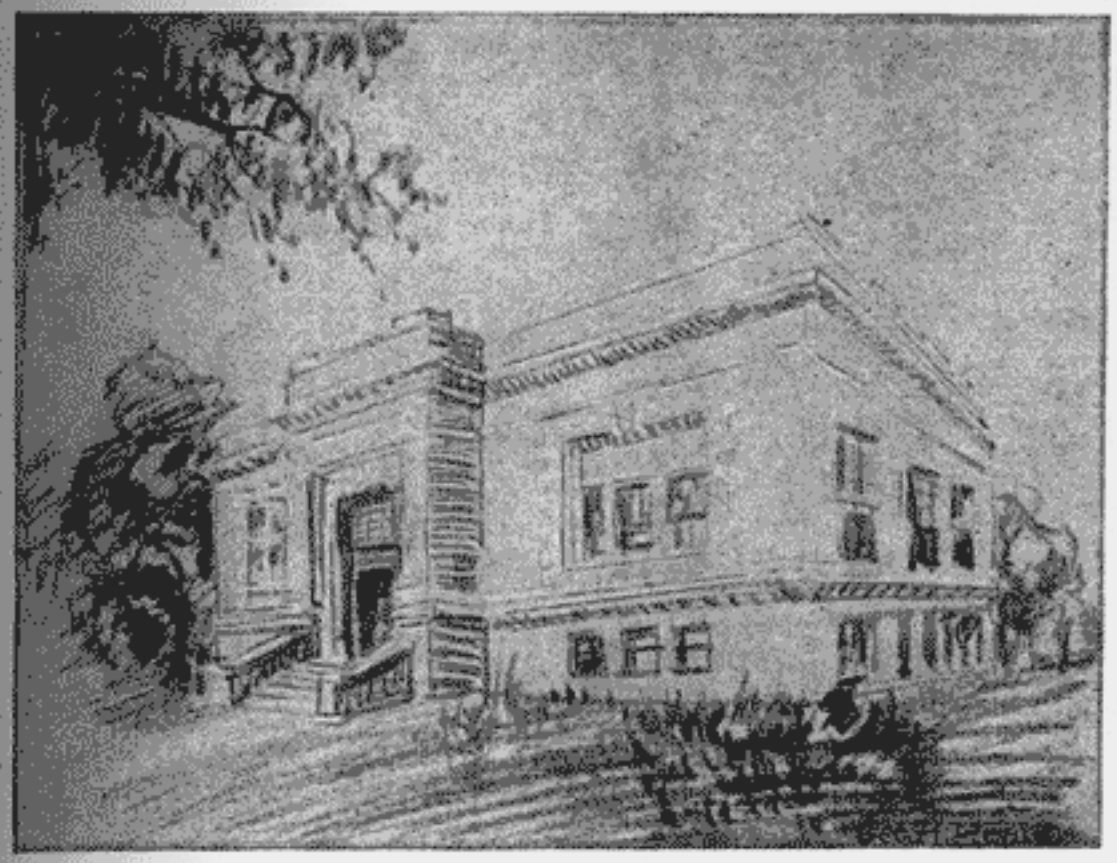
THRU THE LIBERALITY OF ANDREW CARNEGIE, EVANSVILLE HAS THREE LIBRARIES, ONE OF WHICH IS ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE CITY, ONE ON THE WEST SIDE, AND THE THIRD IS FOR THE COLORED POPULATION. A CENTRAL LIBRARY IS ESTABLISHED IN THE COLISEUM. THESE IN ADDITION TO WILLARD LIBRARY AFFORD LIBRARY PRIVILEGES TO ALL OF THE CITIZENS.



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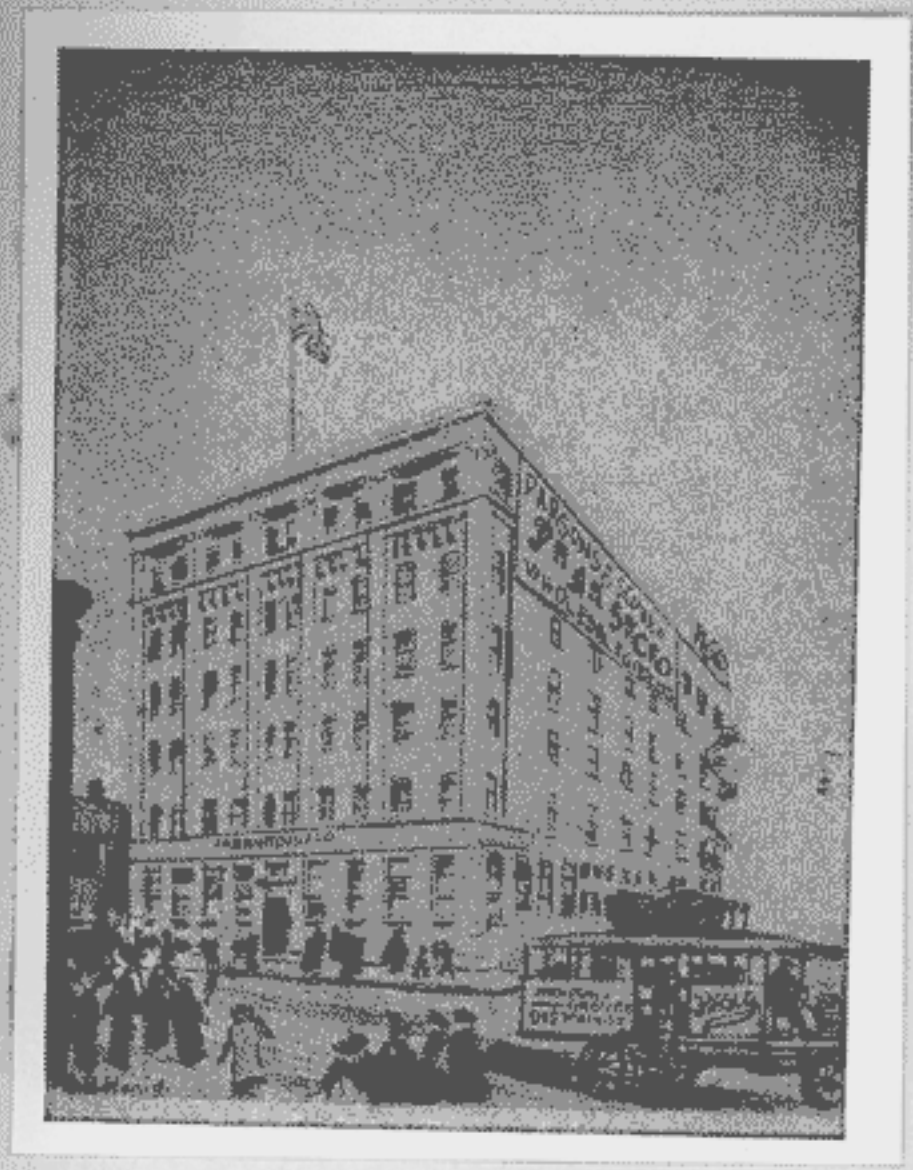


XXVIII.

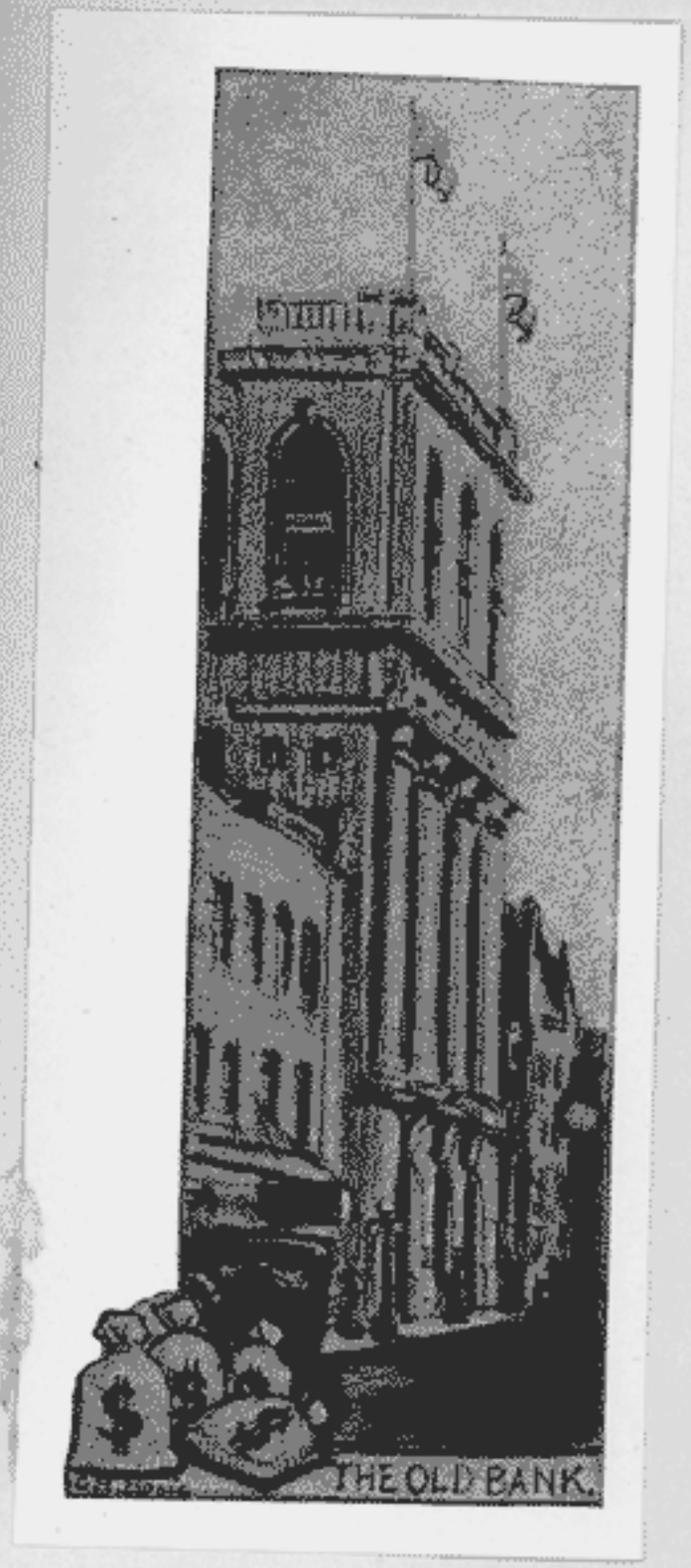
PARSONS & SCOVILLE CO.

AS A DISTRIBUTING CENTER FOR GROCERIES, EVANSVILLE IS ONE OF THE MOST PROMINENT IN THE CENTRAL STATES. THE BUILDING OF PARSONS & SCOVILLE CO., BETTER KNOWN AS "PASCO", IS LOCATED ON MAIN STREET NEAR THE TERMINAL OF THE C. & E. I. R.R. IT WAS THE FIRST WHOLESALE HOUSE IN THE CITY OF FIREPROOF CONSTRUCTION AND HAS BEEN USED AS A MODEL FOR SIMILAR BUILDINGS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

XXIX.

THE OLD STATE NATIONAL BANK AND THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

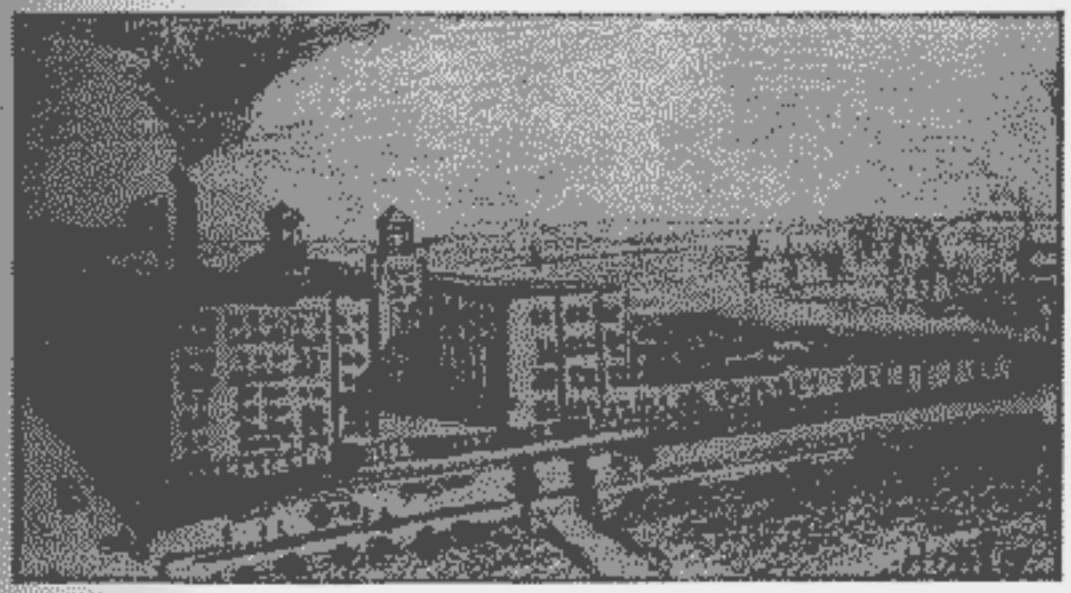
THE OLD STATE NATIONAL BANK IS LOCATED ON MAIN STREET BETWEEN FOURTH AND FIFTH STREETS. IT IS ONE OF THE STRONG FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS OF EVANSVILLE, HAVING A CAPITAL STOCK OF FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS WITH A SURPLUS OF THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND AND DEPOSITS OF OVER SIX MILLION DOLLARS. THE NEW BUILDING WHICH WAS COMPLETED IN 1916 IS ONE OF THE MOST ATTRACTIVE IN THE CITY AND IS THE HOME OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.



XXX.

LINCOLN HOTEL

ONE OF THE ATTRACTIVE FRONTS ON MAIN STREET IS THAT OF THE LINCOLN HOTEL, LOCATED NEAR THE BUSINESS CENTER OF EVANSVILLE AT THE CORNER OF FIFTH STREET. THE BUILDING IS OF FIREPROOF CONSTRUCTION AND CONTAINS ONE HUNDRED GUEST ROOMS.



XXXI.

H. FENDRICH

ONE OF THE LEADING INDUSTRIES OF EVANSVILLE IS THE H. FENDRICH CIGAR FACTORY, THE LARGEST OF ITS KIND IN THE WORLD. THEIR LEADING BRAND, THE "CHARLES DENBY", IS SOLD ALL OVER THE UNITED STATES. THE FACTORY HAS A CAPACITY OF 350,000 CIGARS DAILY AND CONTAINS NEARLY TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND SQUARE FEET OF FLOOR SPACE.

XXXII.

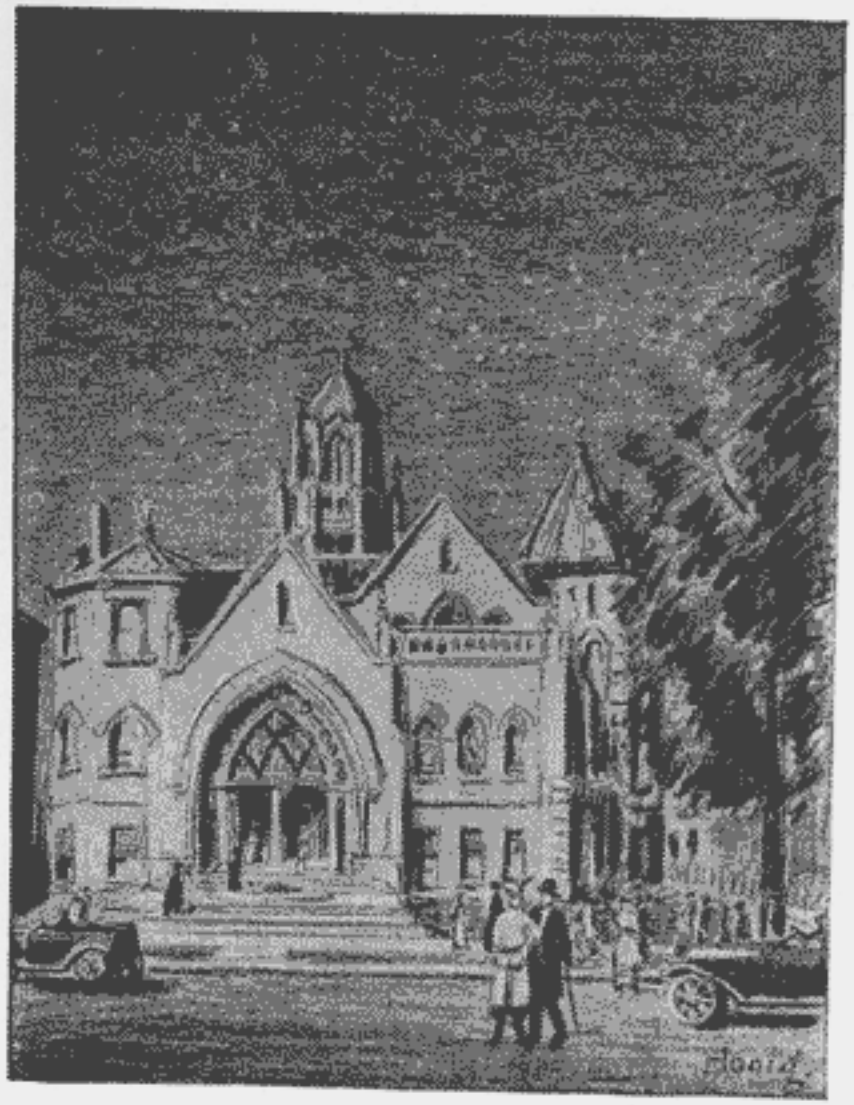
THORNTON PLACE, NEWBURG

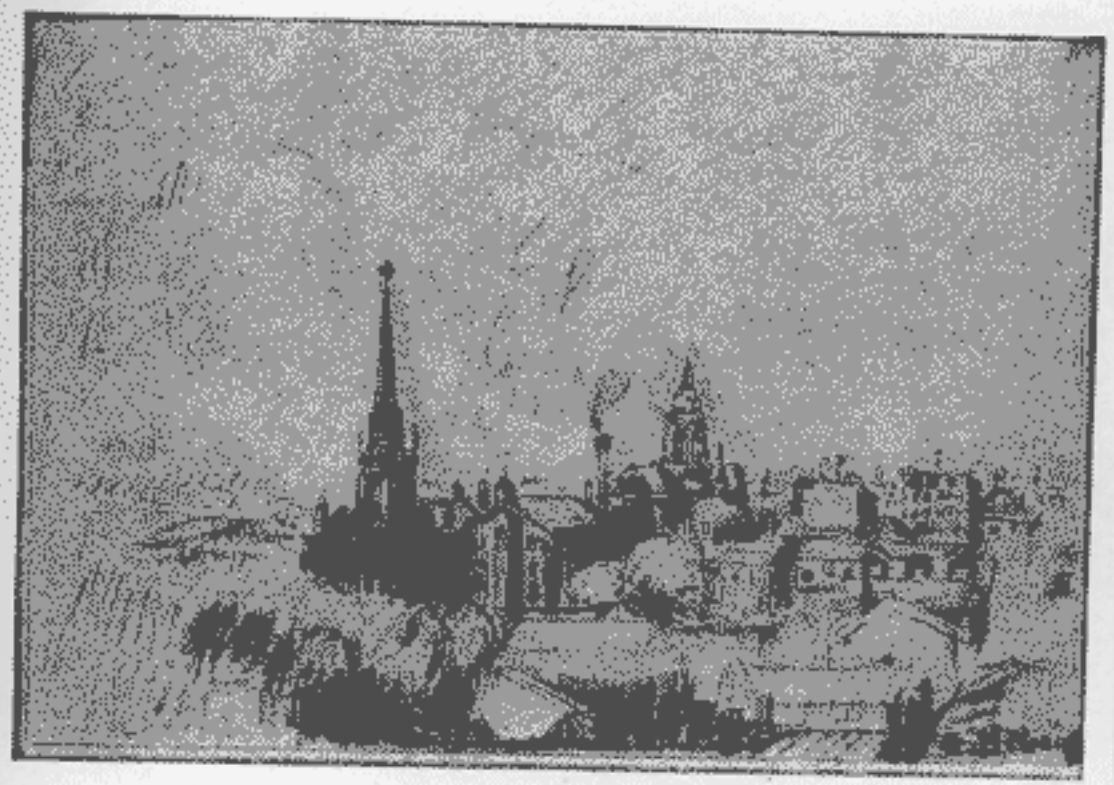
A VIEW OF THORNTON PLACE, THE HOME OF AGED MINISTERS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, LOCATED AT NEWBURG, TEN MILES EAST OF EVANSVILLE ON THE OHIO IN THE HILLS OF WARRICK COUNTY. THE BUILDINGS ARE TWO HUNDRED FEET ABOVE THE LEVEL OF THE RIVER AND THE VIEW TOWARD THE KENTUCKY HILLS IS MAGNIFICENT.

XXXIII.

WASHINGTON AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE WASHINGTON AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IS LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF McCORMICK AND WASHINGTON AVENUES, AND IS ONE OF EVANSVILLE'S MOST MODERN CHURCHES, ERECTED IN 1914. THE BUILDING IS NOTED FOR ITS CONVENIENCE OF ARRANGEMENT AND IS ONE OF SEVERAL FINE CHURCHES IN THE NEW RESIDENCE DISTRICT.





XXXIV.

BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF COURT HOUSE

THE TOWER IN THE FOREGROUND IS THAT OF THE HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH, LOCATED AT THIRD AND VINE STREETS. THIS IS CONSIDERED THE BEST EXAMPLE OF GOTHIC ARCHITECTURE IN EVANSVILLE. IMMEDIATELY IN THE REAR IS THE TOWER OF THE VANDERBURGH COUNTY COURT HOUSE, AND TO THE LEFT THE FURNITURE EXCHANGE, AN EXHIBITION AND OFFICE BUILDING.

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